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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

Liturgies were used in public worship from an early date by the Reformed Churches of Geneva, the Palatinate, the Netherlands, France, England, and Scotland. The Liturgy of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands was the result of a gradual growth and was based upon Calvin's liturgy, which was also used in the preparation of the Book of Common Prayer. The Provincial Synod of Dort (1574) directed all ministers to use the same forms of public prayer. These were, however, never employed exclusively, and gradually fell into disuse, while the Forms for the administration of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and those for the Ordination of Elders and Deacons have continued to be used to the present time.

The Liturgy which had been revised and adopted by the National Synod of Dort (1618–19) was accepted by the Church in America (1738, 1771) and recognized in the Constitution of 1792. It was first translated into English for the use of churches in Holland composed of Scottish and English refugees. In 1767, three years after Dr. Laidlie had begun to officiate in English in the church of New York, an amended edition of this translation was published by the Consistory of that church. Repeated attempts have since been made [1] to revise it, that it might more fully meet the wants of the Church. Of these only that undertaken in 1868 received the sanction of the Church, though certain additional Forms were from time to time adopted.

[1] In 1848, 1853–58, 1868–78, 1881–89, 1902–04.

This revision was published in 1882, with appended Psalms for responsive reading, and was recommended by the General Synod for use in the churches. It provided in the Order of Worship for the restoration of some things that had fallen into disuse, as the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and for the addition of responses to the Decalogue and of lessons from both the Old and New Testaments.

The present edition has been prepared by a Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1904, in response to reiterated requests from many Classes for shorter Forms, especially for the administration of the Sacraments and for the ordination of Ministers and of Elders and Deacons. No doctrinal changes have been made in it, the Committee having sought merely to abridge the Forms without omitting anything essential to their teaching and spirit. The Abridged Forms, having been approved and recommended to the Classes by the General Synod in 1905, and having received the consent of two-thirds of the Classes, were declared by the Synod of 1906 to be adopted. They are here printed by its direction, together with the older Forms for the administration of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, for which the Abridged Forms, which are doctrinally the same, are to be regarded as alternative.

The use of the Offices for the Administration of the Sacraments, for Ordination and for Church Discipline is required by the Constitution.

By authority of the same Synod, the Committee appointed to issue the present edition of the Liturgy have added to the collection of Prayers for optional use certain others appropriate to various occasions.

In offering their work to the glory of Almighty God and the devout use of His people, they would recall the language of the Preface to the first American edition of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, issued in 1793: —

"Her Mode of Worship is expressed in the Liturgy, where forms of several prayers are given, without any idea, however, of restraining her members to any particular terms or fixed standards for prayer. Firmly believing that the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the edification of Zion in every age are promised and bestowed, the Reformed Dutch Church judges it sufficient to show in a few specimens the general tenor and manner in which public worship is performed, and leaves it to the piety and gifts of her Ministers to conduct the ordinary solemnities of the sanctuary in a manner they judge most acceptable to God, and most edifying to His people."

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THE ORDER OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

¶ *The Churches in the Netherlands, and also for a long time in America, observed the feasts of Christmas, Easter, and Whitsunday; in addition to these, the Circumcision and Ascension of Christ were commemorated in many Churches. Article 67, of the Rules of Church Government, adopted by the National Synod of Dort (1619), reads as follows: —*

"ART. 67. — *Besides the Sabbath day, the Churches shall likewise observe Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide, with the day succeeding each; and whereas, in most of the cities and provinces of the Netherlands, it is, moreover, customary to observe the days of the Circumcision and Ascension of our Lord, the Ministers, where such practice has not been adopted, shall endeavor to prevail with the civil authority to establish a conformity with the other Churches.*"

In this country no original ecclesiastical action has been taken in regard to such days, but the usefulness of their observance has been incidentally recognized. The following ORDER OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS *is adjusted thereto, with the hope that if any in the exercise of Christian liberty shall use it, such use may be found to edification.*

¶ *Many of the Lessons here indicated are too long to be read in full in ordinary Public Worship, but passages of suitable length may easily be selected from them. It is believed that the use of such an Order will tend to promote among the people a better acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures.*

I.

SEASON OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD.

Sunday.	Morning.		Evening.	
	Old Test.	New Test.	Old Test.	New Test.
Before Christmas				
4	Isaiah 1	Luke ..1:1-23	Isaiah.....2	Romans ...10
3	" 5	" .1:26-56	Malachi 3	" ...12
2	" 25	" ..3:1-18	Isaiah 26:1-15	" ...14
1	" .30:1-21	Matt...3:1-12	" 32	1 Corinth....1
Christmas	" 60	Luke ..2:1-20	" ..9:1-7	John...1:1-14
After Christmas				
1	" 35	" .2:25-52	" 40	1 Corinth....2
2	" 41	Matt..2:13-23	" 42	Hebrews 2
3	" 44	Mark 1	" 45	1 Corinth....3
4	" 51	John .1:15-36	" 52	" ...13
5	" 54	Matt. 4	" 55	2 " 4
6	" 58	Luke .4:14-44	" 59	" 5
7	" 61	Matt. 5	" 62	Galatians ...5
8	" 63	" 6	" 64	" ...6

II.

SEASON OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD.

Sunday.	Morning.		Evening.	
	Old Test.	New Test.	Old Test.	New Test.
Before Easter				
9	Jeremiah ...1	Matthew ...7	Jeremiah ..2	Ephesians...1
8	" ...7	Luke 7	" ..9	" ...2
7	" ..12	Mark 6	" ..14	" ...3
6	" ..25	Matthew...10	" ..33	" ...4
5	Ezekiel 14	Luke 10	Ezekiel 17	" ...5
4	" 18	Mark 9	" 20:33-49	" ...6
3	Micah 6	Luke .19:1-28	Habakkuk ..3	Philippians .1
2	Zechariah .13	" 21	Haggai 2:1-9	" .3
1	" 9:9-17	" 19:29-48	Malachi 4	Hebrews 5
Good Friday	Gen. .22:1-19	John 19	Isaiah 53	Philippians 2
Easter Day	Exod. 12:1-36	" 20	" 25	Romans.....6
After Easter				
1	Isaiah 43:1-21	Acts 1	" 48	1 Cor. 15:1-28
2	Hosea 13:1-14	" 3	Hosea 14	Colossians ..1
3	Joel ...3:9-21	" .5:17-42	Micah 4	" ..3
4	Micah 5	" 6	Nahum 1	1 Thessalon..3
5	Zechariah ..8	" .8:14-40	Zechariah .10	" .4
Ascension	Deut. 10:1-15	Luke 24:44-53	2 Kings 2	Ephes. 4:1-16

III.

SEASON OF THE MISSION OF THE HOLY COMFORTER.

Sunday.	Morning.		Evening.	
	Old Test.	New Test.	Old Test.	New Test.
Before Whitsunday				
1	Joel ..2:21-32	John.....17	Zephaniah ..3	2 Thessalon. 3
Whitsunday	Deut. 16:1-12	Acts...2:1-36	Isaiah 11	Acts...4:1-31
After Whitsunday				
1	Genesis 1	Matthew .. 3	Genesis 2	1 John 5
2	" 3	Acts 9	" ...6:5-22	1 Timothy...6
3	" ...9:7-17	" 10	" 15	2 " ...2
4	" 37	" 13	" 42	" ...3
5	" 43	" 14	" 45	Titus 2
6	" 49	" 16	" 50	Hebrews...10
7	Exodus 3	" 17	Exodus 5	" ...11
8	" 9	" 20	" 10	" ...12
9	" 14	" 24	" 15	" ...13
10	Numbers ..16	" 26	Numbers ..22	James.....1
11	" ..23	" 28	" ..24	" 2
12	Deut...4:1-40	Matthew...18	Deut. 5	" 3
13	" 6	" ...20	" 7	" 4
14	" 8	" ...23	" 9	" 5
15	" 33	" ...25	" 34	1 Peter.....1
16	Joshua 23	Mark 4	Joshua.....24	" 2
17	Judges 4	" 13	Judges.....5	" 3
18	1 Samuel ..12	Luke 13	1 Samuel ..17	" 4
19	2 " ...7	" 15	2 " 12:1-23	" 5
20	1 Kings 8:1-21	" 20	1 Kin. 8:22-61	2 " 1
21	" 17	John 3	" 18	" 2
22	2 " 5	" 7	2 " 19	" 3
23	Daniel 6	" 8	Daniel 7	1 John 1
24	Proverbs....1	" 9	Proverbs....2	" 2
25	" 3	" 10	" 8	" 3
26	" ...11	" 11	" ...12	Jude
27	" ...13	" 15	" ...14	Revelation..1
28	" ...15	" 16	" ...16	" .22

THE ORDER OF
MORNING WORSHIP
ON THE LORD'S DAY.

¶ *After a* VOLUNTARY *on the Organ or the singing of an* ANTHEM, CHANT, *or* HYMN, *the Minister leads the People in*

THE INVOCATION.

¶ *It is recommended that the Invocation be concluded with the* LORD'S PRAYER, *and that the People unite audibly in the* LORD'S PRAYER, *whenever used, and in the* AMEN *at the close of every prayer in Public Worship.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *This is followed by the* SALUTATION, *spoken by the Minister, using, if he will, one of the following sentences:*

THE SALUTATION.

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *Or this:*

GRACE, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Lord.

¶ *Or this:*

GRACE and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

¶ *Or this:*

GOD, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then follows the* READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, *which will usually consist of the* LAW, *a portion of the* PSALTER, *and a Lesson from either the* OLD *or the* NEW TESTAMENT, *or both.*

THE LAW.

¶ *The Reading of the* LAW *may be introduced by the Minister with the words:* Hear the LAW OF GOD as it is written in the Twentieth Chapter of the Book of Exodus:

GOD spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

IV. Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the

seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

V. Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith (Matt. xxii: 37–40):

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

¶ *After the Reading of the* LAW *a suitable* RESPONSE *may be sung.*

The Psalter.

¶ *A portion of the* Psalter *may be read responsively by the Minister and People, all standing, and at the close may be sung the* Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Here shall follow a portion of the* Word of God *read by the Minister. If a Lesson from each Testament is read, that from the Old Testament may be followed by the singing of a* Canticle *or* Chant (*pages 342–350*).

The Lesson from the Old Testament.

The Lesson from the New Testament.

¶ *Then shall be sung*

A Hymn.

¶ *The Minister shall then lead the People in* Prayer, *which will ordinarily be free; but, if desired, the Litany* (*page 101*), *or any of the Prayers on pages 104–138, which are suitable for Public Worship, may be used.*

The General Prayer.

¶ *Then shall be sung*

A Hymn.

¶ *The* Offerings to the Lord *are commonly presented at this point in the Service, as an Act of Worship. They may, if desired, be presented at the close of the Sermon.*

The Offering.

¶ *When the gifts are brought to the Table, a brief* Prayer of Dedication *may be offered. Then follows*

The Sermon.

¶ *After the Sermon the Minister offers a*

Prayer for a Blessing on the Word.

¶ *Then shall be sung*

A Hymn.

¶ *The Minister closes the Service with*

The Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*

THE ORDER OF
EVENING WORSHIP
ON THE LORD'S DAY.

¶ *After a* VOLUNTARY *on the Organ or the singing of an* ANTHEM, CHANT, *or* HYMN, *the Minister leads the People in*

THE INVOCATION.

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THE PSALTER.

¶ *A portion of the* PSALTER *may be read responsively by the Minister and People, all standing, and at the close may be sung the* GLORIA PATRI.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Here shall follow a portion of the* WORD OF GOD *read by the Minister. If a Lesson from each Testament is read, that from the Old Testament may be followed by the singing of a* CANTICLE *or* CHANT (*pages 342–350*).

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

THE LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

¶ *Then shall be sung*

A HYMN.

¶ *This may be followed by the recital of the* CREED, *the People standing and repeating audibly with the Minister:*

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin

Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *The Minister shall then lead the People in* PRAYER, *which will ordinarily be free; but, if desired, the Litany (page 101), or any of the Prayers on pages 104–138, which are suitable for Public Worship, may be used.*

THE GENERAL PRAYER.

¶ *Then shall be sung*

A HYMN.

¶ *The* OFFERINGS TO THE LORD *are commonly presented at this point in the Service, as an Act of Worship. They may, if desired, be presented at the close of the Sermon.*

THE OFFERING.

¶ *When the gifts are brought to the Table, a brief* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *may be offered. Then follows*

THE SERMON.

¶ *After the Sermon the Minister offers a*

PRAYER FOR A BLESSING ON THE WORD.

¶ *Then shall be sung*

A HYMN.

¶ *This is followed by*

THE DOXOLOGY.

* Instead of the word *Hell*, may be used the word *Hades*.

¶ *The Minister closes the Service with*

The Benediction.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

THE Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*

THE OFFICE FOR

THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM.

¶ *An Abridged Form of the* OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM *is found on page 18. Either Form may be used, at the discretion of the Minister.*

THE principal parts of the doctrine of Holy Baptism are these three:

First. That we, with our children, are conceived and born in sin, and therefore are children of wrath, insomuch that we cannot enter into the kingdom of God, except we are born again. This the dipping in or sprinkling with water teaches us, whereby the impurity of our souls is signified, and we are admonished to loathe and humble ourselves before God, and seek for our purification and salvation without ourselves.

Secondly. Holy Baptism witnesseth and sealeth unto us the washing away of our sins, through Jesus Christ. Therefore we are baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. For when we are baptized in the Name of the Father, God the Father witnesseth and sealeth unto us that He doth make an eternal covenant of grace with us, and adopts us for His children and heirs, and therefore will provide us with every good thing, and avert all evil or turn it to our profit. And when we are baptized in the Name of the Son, the Son sealeth unto us that He doth wash us in His blood from all our sins, incorporating us into the fellowship of His death and resurrection, so that we are freed from all our sins and accounted righteous before God. In like manner, when we are baptized in the Name of the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost assures us, by this holy Sacrament, that He will dwell in us, and sanctify us to be members of Christ, applying unto us that which

we have in Christ, namely, the washing away of our sins and the daily renewing of our lives, till we shall finally be presented without spot or wrinkle among the assembly of the elect in life eternal.

Thirdly. Whereas in all covenants there are contained two parts, therefore are we by God, through Baptism, admonished of and obliged unto new obedience, namely, that we cleave to this one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that we trust in Him and love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength; that we forsake the world, crucify our old nature, and walk in a new and holy life.

And if we sometimes, through weakness, fall into sin, we must not therefore despair of God's mercy nor continue in sin, since Baptism is a seal and undoubted testimony that we have an eternal covenant of grace with God.

I. — To Infants.

AND although our young children do not understand these things, we may not therefore exclude them from Baptism; for as they are, without their knowledge, partakers of the condemnation in Adam, so are they again received unto grace in Christ; as God speaketh unto Abraham, the father of all the faithful, and therefore unto us and our children (Gen. xvii: 7), saying, "I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant; to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." This also the Apostle Peter testified, with these words (Acts ii: 39): "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Therefore God formerly commanded them to be circumcised, which was a seal of the covenant, and of the righteousness of faith; and therefore Christ

also embraced them, laid His hands upon them and blessed them (Mark x: 16).

Since then Baptism is come in the place of circumcision, infants are to be baptized as heirs of the kingdom of God and of His covenant. And parents are in duty bound further to instruct their children herein, when they shall arrive at years of discretion.

THAT therefore this holy ordinance of God may be administered to His glory, to our comfort, and to the edification of His Church, let us call upon His holy Name.

Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt be pleased, of Thine infinite mercy, graciously to look upon these children, and incorporate them by Thy Holy Spirit into Thy Son Jesus Christ, that they may be buried with Him into His death and be raised with Him in newness of life; that they may daily follow Him, joyfully bearing their cross, and cleave unto Him in true faith, firm hope, and ardent love; that they may, with a comfortable sense of Thy favor, leave this life, which is nothing but a continual death, and at the last day may appear without terror before the judgment seat of Christ Thy Son; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one only God, lives and reigns for ever. *Amen.*

An Exhortation to the Parents, and Those who Come with Them to Baptism.

BELOVED in the Lord Jesus Christ, you have heard that Baptism is an ordinance of God, to seal unto us and to our seed His covenant. Therefore it must be used for that end, and not out of custom or

superstition. That it may then be manifest that you are thus minded, you are to answer sincerely to these questions:

First. Do you acknowledge that although our children are conceived and born in sin, and therefore are subject to all miseries, yea, to condemnation itself; yet that they are sanctified * in Christ, and therefore, as members of His Church, ought to be baptized?

Secondly. Do you acknowledge the doctrine which is contained in the Old and New Testaments, and in the Articles of the Christian faith, and which is taught here in this Christian Church, to be the true and perfect † doctrine of salvation?

Thirdly. Do you promise and intend to see these children, when they come to the years of discretion, instructed and brought up in the aforesaid doctrine, or to help or cause them to be instructed therein, to the utmost of your power?

Answer. Yes.

¶ *Then the Minister of God's Word, in baptizing, shall say:*

N——, I baptize thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, we thank and praise Thee, that Thou hast forgiven us and our children all our sins, through the blood of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and received us through Thy Holy Spirit, as members of Thy only begotten Son, and adopted us to be Thy children, and sealed

* "*My children:*" Ezek. xvi: 21. "*They are holy;*" 1 Cor. vii: 14.
† Dutch: *Volkomene—complete.*

and confirmed the same unto us by Holy Baptism. We beseech Thee, through the same Son of Thy love, that Thou wilt be pleased always to govern these baptized children by Thy Holy Spirit; that they may be piously and religiously educated, increase and grow up in the Lord Jesus Christ; that they then may acknowledge Thy fatherly goodness and mercy, which Thou hast shown to them and us, and live in all righteousness, under our only Teacher, King, and High Priest, Jesus Christ; and manfully fight against and overcome sin, the devil, and his whole dominion, to the end that they may eternally praise and magnify Thee, and Thy Son Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, the one only True God. *Amen.*

II. — To Adults.

HOWEVER children of Christian parents, although they understand not this mystery, must be baptized by virtue of the covenant; yet it is not lawful to baptize those who have come to years of discretion, except they first be sensible of their sins, and make confession both of their repentance and their faith in Christ. For this cause not only did John the Baptist preach, according to the command of God, the Baptism of repentance, and baptize for the remission of sin those who confessed their sins (Mark i: 4); but our Lord Jesus Christ also commanded His disciples to teach all nations, and then to baptize them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, adding this promise: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." According to which rule the Apostles (Acts ii, x, xvi) baptized none who were of years of discretion, but such as made confession of their faith and repentance. Therefore it is not lawful now to baptize any other adult persons, than such as have been taught the mysteries of Holy Baptism

by the preaching of the Gospel, and are able to give an account of their faith by the confession of the mouth.

SINCE therefore you, N——, are also desirous of Holy Baptism, to the end it may be to you a seal of your engrafting into the Church of God: that it may appear that you * do not only receive the Christian religion, in which you have been privately instructed by us, and of which also you have made confession before us, but that you, through the grace of God, intend and purpose to lead a life according to the same; you are sincerely to give answer before God and His Church:

First. Dost thou believe in the only True God, distinct in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, who hath made heaven and earth, and all that in them is, of nothing, and still maintains and governs them, insomuch that nothing comes to pass, either in heaven or on earth, without His divine will?

Answer. Yes.

Secondly. Dost thou believe that thou art conceived and born in sin, and therefore art a child of wrath by nature, wholly incapable of doing any good and prone to all evil; and that thou hast frequently, both in thought, word, and deed, transgressed the commandments of the Lord; and art thou heartily sorry for these sins?

Answer. Yes.

Thirdly. Dost thou believe that Christ, who is the True and Eternal God, and Very Man, who took His human nature on Him

* *When persons who have been baptized in Infancy are also to be received to full communion, the Minister may here add:*
Together with you also who have been baptized in Infancy.

out of the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary, is given thee of God to be thy Saviour; and that thou dost receive, by this faith, remission of sins in His blood; and that thou art made, by the power of the Holy Ghost, a member of Jesus Christ and of His Church?

Answer. Yes.

Fourthly. Dost thou assent to all the Articles of the Christian religion, as they are taught here in this Christian Church, according to the Word of God; and purpose steadfastly to continue in the same doctrine to the end of thy life; and also dost thou reject all heresies and schisms, repugnant to this doctrine, and promise to persevere in the communion of our Christian Church, not only in the hearing of the Word, but also in the use of the Lord's Supper?

Answer. Yes.

Fifthly. Hast thou taken a firm resolution always to lead a Christian life; to forsake the world and its evil lusts, as is becoming the members of Christ and His Church; and to submit thyself to all Christian admonitions?

Answer. Yes.

THE good and great God mercifully grant His grace and blessing to this thy purpose, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister of God's Word, in baptizing, shall say:*

N ——, I baptize thee, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast called us to the knowledge of Thy grace, and unto the faith of Thy Son, and unto the covenant of salvation, wherein we are sealed by Holy Baptism. Give Thy Holy Spirit to these Thy servants, that, being born again and made heirs of God, they may keep themselves in Thy love, and receive the fulfilment of Thy promises; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, the one only True God, liveth and reigneth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE OFFICE FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM.

Abridged Form.

¶ *The use of the Prayers set forth in this Form and in those which follow is not to be regarded as obligatory.*

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father in heaven, we bless Thee that Thou hast been pleased to enter into a covenant of grace with Thy people and hast appointed the holy Sacrament of Baptism to be its sign and seal. Enable us to receive it with true faith; and, remembering that we are not our own, but belong to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord: The principal parts of the doctrine of Holy Baptism are these three:

First. That we, with our children, are by nature sinful and guilty before God, and therefore cannot enter into the kingdom of God except we be born again.

Secondly. Holy Baptism, through the dipping in or sprinkling with water, witnesses and seals unto us the washing away of our sins through Jesus Christ. For we are baptized "Into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." When we are baptized into the Name of the Father, God seals unto us His covenant of grace; when we are baptized into the Name of the Son, God assures us of our cleansing through the blood of Christ; and when we are baptized into the Name of the Holy Spirit, God promises that He will dwell in us and sanctify us to be members of Christ.

Thirdly. Since in this holy Sacrament we enter into covenant with God, we are admonished and obliged by it unto a new obedience; that we forsake the world, crucify our old nature, and walk in a new and holy life. And if through weakness we fall into sin, we must not despair of God's mercy nor continue in sin; since Baptism is a sign and seal of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.

I. — To Infants.

ALTHOUGH our young children do not understand these truths, we may not therefore exclude them from Baptism. For as they are, without their knowledge, partakers of the condemnation in Adam, so are they again received unto grace in Christ. For God has spoken unto Abraham, the father of all the faithful, and therefore unto us and our children, saying, "I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations, for an everlasting covenant; to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee." This He also testified unto us by the Apostle Peter, saying, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Our Lord Jesus Christ also took young children in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them, and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Children are therefore to be baptized as heirs of the kingdom of God and of His covenant; and parents are bound to instruct their children in the duties and privileges connected therewith, when they shall arrive at years of discretion.

BELOVED in the Lord Jesus Christ: You believe that Baptism is an ordinance of God to seal unto

us and our children His covenant. Therefore it must be used to that end and not out of custom or superstition. That it may be manifest that you are thus minded, you are to answer sincerely to these questions:

> Do you acknowledge that although our children are by nature sinful and guilty before God, they are sanctified in Christ and therefore, as members of His Church, ought to be baptized?
>
> Do you accept the doctrines of salvation, which are contained in the Old and New Testaments and in the Articles of the Christian faith, and which are taught in this Church?
>
> Do you promise to instruct *this child* in the truths of God's Word and in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for *him* and teach *him* to pray; and to train *him*, as God may give you grace, in all holy living, to the end that *he* may enjoy eternal life both in this world and in the world to come?

Answer. Yes.

¶ *Then the Minister, in baptizing, shall say:*

N——, I baptize thee into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we may bring *this child* to Thee, and baptize *him* into Thy most holy Name. Guard, we beseech Thee, *his* life and health, and fulfil to *him* Thy gracious promises. Incline *him* by Thy Holy Spirit to take the place which belongs to *him* in the

Church of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and to continue Christ's faithful servant unto *his* life's end. Enable *him* to overcome the temptations of the world; to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things; and finally to obtain an inheritance among Thy saints in light.

Bless also Thy servants, *his* parents, that they may faithfully perform the duties laid upon them, training the *child* whom Thou hast given them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and walking before *him* and with *him* in the beauty of holiness.

Bless, we beseech Thee, all the children of Thy Church; and prepare them hereafter to carry on the work now committed to us. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

II. — To Adults.

IT is, therefore, not lawful to baptize those who have come to years of discretion, except they be sensible of their sins and make confession both of their repentance and of their faith in Christ. Since, then, you are desirous of Holy Baptism, that it may be to you a seal of your reception into the Church of God, you are sincerely to give answer before God and His Church:

> Do you believe in the only True God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who has made heaven and earth and all that in them is, and

so maintains and governs them that nothing comes to pass, either in heaven or on earth, without His divine will?

Answer. Yes.

Do you acknowledge that you are by nature sinful and guilty before God, and that you have frequently in thought, word, and deed transgressed the commandments of God; and are you heartily sorry for these sins?

Answer. Yes.

Do you believe that our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God and the Son of Man, is given you of God to be your Saviour, and that you receive by this faith remission of sins in His blood; and that you are made by the power of the Holy Spirit *a member* of Christ and of His Church?

Answer. Yes.

Do you assent to the Articles of the Christian religion as they are taught in this Church according to the Word of God; and do you promise to persevere in the communion of the Church, not only in the hearing of the Word, but also in the use of the Lord's Supper?

Answer. Yes.

Have you taken a firm resolution always to lead a Christian life; to forsake the world and its evil lusts, as is becoming the members of Christ and His Church, and to submit *yourself* to all Christian admonitions?

Answer. Yes.

THE good and great God mercifully grant His grace and blessing to this your purpose, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, in baptizing, shall say:*

N——, I baptize thee into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast called us to the knowledge of Thy grace and the faith of Thy Son, and to the covenant of salvation, wherein we are sealed by Holy Baptism. Give Thy Holy Spirit to *this* Thy *servant*, that, being born again and made *an heir* of God, *he* may keep *himself* in Thy love, and receive the fulfilment of Thy promises; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, the only True God, liveth and reigneth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE OFFICE FOR

THE RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN INFANCY.

¶ *By the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America (Art. VI. Sec. 2), members are received into communion by the Minister and Elders. This Form is provided for such reception of persons who have been baptized in infancy. A Form for the public recognition of members who have already been received by the Minister and Elders will be found on pages 27, 28.*

¶ *The Candidates having been accepted by the Minister and Elders, the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY beloved in Christ: As *children* of your heavenly Father, you stand here for the deliberate and public ratification in your own *persons* of that covenant of God of which your Baptism is the seal. You have already been duly instructed, and have made confession before us of your faith in the Blessed Saviour. And now in this most solemn manner, before God and His Church, you are to repeat and renew that confession.

I ask *each one of* you, then:

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Answer. I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

* Instead of the word *Hell*, may be used the word *Hades*.

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Answer. I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting?

Answer. I do.

Do you purpose steadfastly to continue to the end of your life in the truths affirmed in these Articles of the Christian faith, as they are taught here in this Church, according to the Word of God?

Answer. I do.

Do you promise to persevere in the communion of the Christian Church, and in the diligent use of all the means of grace, especially in the hearing of the Word and the use of the Lord's Supper, to seek the things that make for purity and peace, and to submit yourself to all Christian care and admonition?

Answer. I do.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

SINCE, then, you have witnessed this good confession, in the name of the Church and of Jesus Christ her Lord and Head, I do now welcome you to full communion with the People of God.

¶ *The following, or some other appropriate Blessing, will then be used, given to each one separately, or to all together, as the Minister may choose.*

THE mountains shall depart and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. Amen.

¶ *The Minister shall then offer the following*

THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast vouchsafed unto *these* Thy *servants* power and grace, to own and accept for *themselves* Thy holy covenant, sealed and confirmed to *them* in *their* Baptism. Strengthen *them*, we beseech Thee, with the Holy Spirit the Comforter. Increase in *them* daily Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Keep *them* from the evil that is in the world. Enable *them* to walk in the Spirit, that *they* may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word that *they* may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE OFFICE FOR

THE PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.

¶ *This Form is provided for the use of Churches which may desire a brief service of Public Recognition, in the presence of the Congregation, of persons who have already been received into full communion by the Minister and Elders.* *See note, page 24.* *The paragraphs which are obviously unsuitable to a particular occasion should be omitted.*

Prayer.

O MERCIFUL and glorious God, who keepest covenant with all Thy people, grant that we also may keep covenant with Thee, and walk in constant fidelity with Thee and with Thy Church. Sanctify our fellowship with one another to Thy praise and enable us to bear much fruit as the disciples of Jesus Christ Thy Son. *Amen.*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord: You have already made confession of your Christian faith, and have been received into the communion of this Church. In the Name of our common Master, we now welcome you into our fellowship, and pledge to you our confidence and affection, as members together with us of this household of faith.

To those received on Confession.

We welcome to the Lord's table you who are now to partake of that holy Sacrament for the first time. May He manifest Himself to you, that you may have true communion with Him.

To those just baptized.

We welcome to all the blessings of God's gracious covenant you who have just been

To those baptized in infancy.

baptized into His Name; and you who, having been baptized in infancy, have now taken the baptismal vow upon yourselves.

To those received by Letter.

We welcome you who come to us from other churches, to this intimate association with us in the privileges which we enjoy and the work which is committed to us.

May God enable us all to walk together in harmony and in true holiness; to help one another by word and example in the faithful performance of our duties toward God and toward our fellowmen; and to live as it becometh the Gospel of Christ, adorning the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

THE OFFICE FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

¶ *An Abridged Form of the* OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER *is found on pages 39–47. Either Form may be used, at the discretion of the Minister.*

I.

¶ *Before the administration of the Holy Communion the Minister shall say:*

BELOVED in the Lord Jesus Christ, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by the holy Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. xi: 23–29.

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation * to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

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* Greek, *Krima;* Dutch, *Oordeel;* English, *Judgment, condemnation.*

THAT we may now celebrate the Supper of the Lord to our comfort, it is above all things necessary:

I. Rightly to examine ourselves.

II. To direct the Supper to that end for which Christ hath ordained and instituted the same, namely, to His remembrance.

THE true examination of ourselves consists of these three parts:

First. That every one consider by himself his sins and the curse due to him for them, to the end that he may abhor and humble himself before God; considering that the wrath of God against sin is so great, that, rather than it should go unpunished, He hath punished the same in His beloved Son Jesus Christ, with the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

Secondly. That every one examine his own heart, whether he doth believe this faithful promise of God, that all his sins are forgiven him only for the sake of the passion and death of Jesus Christ; and that the perfect righteousness of Christ is imputed and freely given him as his own, yea, so perfectly as if he had satisfied in his own person for all his sins, and fulfilled all righteousness.

Thirdly. That every one examine his own conscience, whether he purposeth henceforth to show true thankfulness to God in his whole life, and to walk uprightly before Him; as also, whether he hath laid aside unfeignedly all enmity, hatred, and envy, and doth firmly resolve henceforth to walk in true love and peace with his neighbor.

All those, then, who are thus disposed God will certainly receive in mercy, and count them worthy partakers of the table of His Son Jesus Christ. On the contrary, those who do not feel this testimony in their hearts eat and drink judgment to themselves.

Therefore we also, according to the command of Christ and the Apostle Paul, admonish all those who are defiled with the following sins to keep themselves from the table of the Lord, and declare to them that they have no part of the kingdom of Christ: such as all idolaters; all those who invoke deceased saints, angels, or other creatures; all those who worship images; all enchanters, diviners, charmers, and those who confide in such enchantments; all despisers of God and His Word, and of the holy Sacraments; all blasphemers; all those who are given to raise discord, sects, and mutiny, in church or state; all perjured persons; all those who are disobedient to their parents and superiors; all murderers, contentious persons, and those who live in hatred and envy against their neighbors; all adulterers, whoremongers, drunkards, thieves, usurers, robbers, gamesters, covetous; and all who lead offensive lives.

All these, while they continue in such sins, shall abstain from this meat, which Christ hath ordained only for the faithful, lest their judgment and condemnation be made the heavier.

But this is not designed, dearly beloved Brethren and Sisters in the Lord, to deject the contrite hearts of the faithful, as if none might come to the Supper of the Lord but those who are without sin. For we do not come to this Supper to testify thereby that we are perfect and righteous in ourselves; but, on the contrary, considering that we seek our life out of ourselves, in Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that we lie in the midst of death. Therefore, notwithstanding we feel many infirmities and miseries in ourselves; as namely, that we have not perfect faith, and that we do not give ourselves to serve God with such zeal as we are bound, but have daily to strive with the weakness of our faith and the evil lusts of our flesh; yet, since we are, by the grace of the Holy Ghost, sorry

for these weaknesses, and earnestly desirous to fight against our unbelief, and to live according to all the commandments of God, therefore we rest assured that no sin or infirmity, which still remaineth against our will in us, can hinder us from being received of God in mercy, and from being made worthy partakers of this heavenly meat and drink.

II.

LET us now also consider to what end the Lord hath instituted His Supper, namely, that we do it in remembrance of Him. Now, after this manner are we to remember Him by it.

1. That we be confidently persuaded in our hearts, that our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the promises made to our forefathers in the Old Testament, was sent of the Father into the world: that He assumed our flesh and blood: that He bore for us the wrath of God, under which we should have perished everlastingly, from the beginning of His incarnation to the end of His life upon earth: that He fulfilled for us all obedience to the divine law, and righteousness, especially when the weight of our sins and the wrath of God pressed out of Him the bloody sweat in the garden, where He was bound that we might be freed from our sins: that He afterward suffered innumerable reproaches, that we might never be confounded; that He, although innocent, was condemned to death, that we might be acquitted at the judgment seat of God: yea, that He suffered His blessed body to be nailed on the cross, that He might affix thereon the handwriting of our sins: that He also took upon Himself the curse due to us, that He might fill us with His blessings: that He humbled Himself unto the deepest reproach and pains of hell, both in body and soul, on the tree of the cross, when He cried out with

a loud voice, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" that we might be accepted of God, and never be forsaken of Him: and finally that He confirmed, with His death and shedding of His blood, the new and eternal testament, that covenant of grace and reconciliation, when He said, "It is finished."

2. And, that we might firmly believe that we belong to this covenant of grace, the Lord Jesus Christ, in His last Supper, "took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of Me: in like manner also, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and said, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins; this do ye, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me." That is: as often as you eat of this bread and drink of this cup, you shall thereby, as by a sure remembrance and pledge, be admonished and assured of this My hearty love and faithfulness toward you: that whereas you should otherwise have suffered eternal death, I have given My body to the death of the cross, and shed My blood for you; and as certainly feed and nourish your hungry and thirsty soul with My crucified body and shed blood to everlasting life, as this bread is broken before your eyes, and this cup is given to you, and you eat and drink the same with your mouth, in remembrance of Me.

FROM this institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, we see that He directs our faith and trust to His perfect sacrifice, once offered on the cross, as to the only ground and foundation of our salvation; wherein He is become to our hungry and thirsty souls the true meat and drink of life eternal. For by His death He hath taken away the cause

of our eternal death and misery, namely, sin; and obtained for us the quickening Spirit, that we by the same, which dwelleth in Christ as the Head and in us as His members, might have true communion with Him, and be made partakers of all His blessings, of life eternal, righteousness, and glory.

Besides, that we, by the same Spirit, may also be united as members of one body, in true brotherly love; as the holy Apostle saith, "For we, being many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread." For as out of many grains one meal is ground and one bread baked, and out of many berries being pressed together one wine floweth and mixeth itself together; so shall we all, who by a true faith are ingrafted into Christ, through brotherly love be all together one body, for the sake of Christ, our beloved Saviour, who hath so exceedingly loved us; and shall show this, not only in word, but also in very deed toward one another.

Hereto assist us, the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through His Holy Spirit. Amen.

That we may obtain all this, let us humble ourselves before God, and with true faith implore His grace.

Prayer.

O MOST merciful God and Father, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt be pleased, in this Supper, in which we celebrate the glorious remembrance of the bitter death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, to work in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, that we may daily, more and more, with true confidence, give ourselves up unto Thy Son Jesus Christ, so that our afflicted and contrite hearts, through the power of the Holy Ghost, may be fed and comforted with His true

body and blood; yea, with Him, true God and Man, that only heavenly bread: and that we may no longer live in our sins, but He in us, and we in Him; and thus truly be made partakers of the new and everlasting testament and covenant of grace: that we may not doubt that Thou wilt for ever be our gracious Father, never more imputing our sins unto us, and providing us, as Thy beloved children and heirs, with all things necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Grant us also Thy grace, that we may take upon us our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our Saviour, and in all tribulations with uplifted heads expect our Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, where He will make our mortal bodies like unto His most glorious body and take us unto Himself in eternity.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

STRENGTHEN us also by this Holy Supper in the Catholic undoubted Christian faith, whereof we make confession with our mouths and hearts, saying: *

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,

* The words, "with our mouths and hearts," evidently require the audible confession of these "*Articles of the Christian faith*," both by the Minister and by the People.

dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THAT we may be now fed with the true heavenly bread, Christ Jesus, let us not cleave with our hearts unto the external bread and wine, but lift them up on high in heaven, where Christ Jesus is our Advocate, at the right hand of His heavenly Father, whither all the Articles of our Faith lead us; not doubting that, through the working of the Holy Ghost, we shall as certainly be fed and refreshed in our souls with His body and blood, as we receive the holy bread and wine in remembrance of Him.

¶ *In breaking and distributing the bread, the Minister shall say:*

THE Bread which we break is the communion of the Body of Christ.

¶ *And when he giveth the cup:*

THE Cup of Blessing which we bless is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

¶ *During the Communion, a* PSALM *shall or may be devoutly sung, or some chapter read, in remembrance of the death of Christ, as* Isaiah liii, John xiii, xiv, xv, xvi, xvii, xviii, *or the like.*

* Instead of the word *Hell*, may be used the word *Hades*.

III.

¶ *After the Communion the Minister shall say:*

BELOVED in the Lord, since the Lord hath now fed our souls at His table, let us therefore jointly praise His holy Name with thanksgiving, and every one say in his heart thus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath He removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

Who hath not spared His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, and given us all things with Him. Therefore God commendeth therewith His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For, if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Therefore shall my mouth

and heart show forth the praise of the Lord from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

Let every one say with an attentive heart:

O ALMIGHTY, merciful God and Father, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast, of Thine infinite mercy, given us Thine only begotten Son, for a mediator and a sacrifice for our sins, and to be our meat and drink unto life eternal; and that Thou givest us lively faith, whereby we are made partakers of these Thy benefits. Thou hast also been pleased, that Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ should institute and ordain His Holy Supper for the confirmation of the same. Grant, we beseech Thee, O faithful God and Father, that through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, the commemoration of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ may tend to the daily increase of our faith, and of our saving fellowship with Him; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, in whose Name we conclude our prayers, saying:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE OFFICE FOR
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Abridged Form.

Prayer.

¶ *Instead of this entire Prayer, the last paragraph only may be read, or other suitable prayers may be substituted for those here given.*

IT is very meet and right, above all things, to give thanks unto Thee, O Eternal God. For all Thy bounties known to us, for all unknown, we give Thee thanks; but chiefly, that when, through disobedience, we had fallen from Thee, Thou didst not suffer us to depart from Thee for ever, but hast ransomed us from eternal death, and given us the joyful hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ Thy Son; who, being True and Eternal God, became Man for us men, and for our salvation.

Not as we ought but as we are able, we bless Thee for His holy incarnation; for His life on earth; for His precious sufferings and death upon the cross; for His resurrection from the dead; and for His glorious ascension to Thy right hand.

We bless Thee for the giving of the Holy Spirit; for the sacraments and ordinances of the Church; for the communion of Christ's body and blood; for the great hope of everlasting life, and of an eternal weight of glory.

Thee, Mighty God, Heavenly King, we magnify and praise. With angels and archangels, and all the hosts of heaven, we worship and adore Thy glorious Name.

We most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father, to vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious presence, as we

commemorate in this Supper the most blessed sacrifice of Thy Son; and to bless and sanctify with Thy Word and Spirit these Thine own gifts of bread and wine, which we set before Thee; that we, receiving them, according to our Saviour's institution, in thankful remembrance of His death and passion, may, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be made true partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to our salvation and the glory of Thy most holy Name. *Amen.*

BELOVED in the Lord Jesus Christ, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered by the holy Apostle Paul:

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

That we may now celebrate the Supper of the Lord to our comfort, it is necessary, first, rightly to examine ourselves, and, secondly, to direct the Supper to that end for which it was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ.

LET every one, therefore, first consider his sins and the curse due to him for them, that he may truly humble himself before God. Let every one also examine his own heart, whether he believes this faithful promise of God, that all his sins are forgiven him only

for the sake of the passion and death of Jesus Christ; and that the perfect righteousness of Christ is imputed and freely given to him as his own, even as perfectly as if he had satisfied in his own person for all his sins and fulfilled all righteousness. Finally, let every one examine his own conscience, whether he purposes henceforth to show true thankfulness to God in his whole life, to walk uprightly before Him, and to live in love and peace with his neighbor.

All those who are thus minded God will certainly receive in mercy, and count them worthy partakers of the table of His Son Jesus Christ. On the contrary, according to the command of Christ and the Apostle Paul, we admonish all those who are continuing in unrepented sin to keep themselves from the Lord's table.

But this is not designed, dearly beloved Brethren and Sisters in the Lord, to distress the contrite hearts of His people, as if none might come to His table but those who are without sin. For we do not come to this Supper to testify that we are righteous in ourselves, but rather that we are conscious of our sinfulness and trust in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation. Therefore, notwithstanding we feel that we have not perfect faith, and that we do not serve God with such zeal as we are bound, but have daily to strive with the weakness of our faith and the evil lusts of our flesh; yet, since we are, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, sorry for these weaknesses, and earnestly desirous to fight against our unbelief and to live according to all the commandments of God, therefore we rest assured that no sin or infirmity, which still remains against our will in us, can hinder us from being received of God in mercy, and from being made worthy partakers of this heavenly food.

LET us also consider to what end the Lord has instituted His Supper: "This do (He said) in remembrance of Me."

We are, therefore, to remember that our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the promises made in the Old Testament, was sent of the Father into the world; that He assumed our flesh and blood; that He bore for us the wrath of God, under which we should have perished everlastingly; that He fulfilled for us all obedience to the divine law; that He, although innocent, was condemned to death that we might be acquitted at the judgment seat of God; that He took upon Himself the curse due to us, that He might fill us with His blessings; that He humbled Himself unto death, even the bitter and shameful death of the cross, when He cried out with a loud voice, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken of Him; and finally, that He confirmed with the shedding of His blood the new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation, when He said, "It is finished."

That we might firmly believe that we belong to this covenant of grace, the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, instituted the Holy Supper, thus teaching us that as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we are thereby, as by a sure remembrance and pledge, admonished and assured of His hearty love and faithfulness toward us; that whereas we should otherwise have suffered eternal death, He has given His body to the death of the cross, and shed His blood for us; and will as certainly feed and nourish our hungry and thirsty souls with His crucified body and shed blood to everlasting life, as this bread is broken before our eyes, and this cup is given to us, and we eat and drink in remembrance of Him.

From this institution of the Holy Supper of our

Lord Jesus Christ, we see that He directs our faith and trust to His perfect sacrifice, once offered on the cross, as the only ground of our salvation; wherein He is become to our hungry and thirsty souls the true meat and drink of life eternal. For by His death He has taken away the cause of our eternal death and misery, namely, sin; and obtained for us the quickening Spirit, that we by the same Spirit, which dwells in Christ as the Head and in us as His members, may have true communion with Him, and be made partakers of all His blessings, of life eternal, righteousness and glory.

So also are we, by the Holy Spirit, to be united as members of one body, in true brotherly love; as the holy Apostle saith, "For we, being many, are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread."

Hereto assist us, the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through His Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Here the invitation to partake of the Sacrament may be given to Communicants present who are not members of that particular Church. If desired, a* HYMN *may then be sung: during which the table may be uncovered and the Minister approach thereto, and any necessary change of place among the Communicants may be made.*

PRAYER.

WE here present ourselves to Thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And though we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this:*

O MOST merciful God and Father, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt be pleased, in this Supper, in which we celebrate the glorious remembrance of the bitter death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, to work in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, that we may daily, more and more, with true confidence, give ourselves up unto Thy Son Jesus Christ. May we be fed and comforted with His true body and blood; yea, with Him, true God and Man, that only heavenly bread; that we may no longer live in our sins, but He in us, and we in Him. Thus may we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace. Suffer us not to doubt that Thou wilt for ever be our gracious Father, never more imputing our sins unto us, and providing us, as Thy beloved children and heirs, with all things necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Grant us also Thy grace, that we may take upon us our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our Saviour, and in all tribulations with uplifted heads expect our Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, where He will make our mortal bodies like unto His most glorious body and take us unto Himself in eternity. *Amen.*

STRENGTHEN us also by this Holy Supper in the Christian faith, whereof we make confession with our mouths and hearts, saying:

¶ *Here the Congregation shall rise.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* The

* Instead of the word *Hell*, may be used the word *Hades*.

third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THAT we may now be fed with the true heavenly bread, Christ Jesus, let us not cleave with our hearts unto the external bread and wine, but lift them up on high in heaven, where Christ Jesus is our Advocate, at the right hand of His heavenly Father, whither all the Articles of our Faith lead us; not doubting that, through the working of the Holy Spirit, we shall as certainly be fed and refreshed in our souls with His body and blood, as we receive the holy bread and wine in remembrance of Him.

¶ *In breaking and distributing the bread, the Minister shall say:*

THE Bread which we break is the communion of the Body of Christ.

¶ *And when he giveth the cup:*

THE Cup of Blessing which we bless is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

¶ *After the Communion, the Minister shall proceed as follows, the People reading their part responsively:*

BELOVED in the Lord, since the Lord hath now fed our souls at His table, let us therefore jointly praise His holy Name with thanksgiving, and every one say with mouth and heart thus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath He removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

Who hath not spared His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, and given us all things with Him.

Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY, merciful God and Father, we render Thee most humble and hearty thanks, that Thou hast, of Thine infinite mercy, given us Thine only begotten Son, for a mediator and a sacrifice for our sins, and to be our meat and drink unto life eternal. Grant, we beseech Thee, O faithful God and Father, that through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, the commemoration of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ may tend to the daily increase of our faith, and of our saving fellowship with Him; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, in whose Name we conclude our prayers, saying:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *At the conclusion of the Communion Service the table should again be covered.*

THE OFFICE FOR
THE CONFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE.

¶ *At the proper time and place the Man and Woman to be married shall stand before the Minister, the Man at the right hand of the Woman, when the Minister shall say :*

OUR help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say to all present :*

DEARLY beloved: We are assembled in the sight of God to join together this man and this woman in the bonds of Marriage; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, confirmed by the teachings of our blessed Saviour, and compared by St. Paul to the mystical union which subsists between Christ and His Church.

Into this holy estate these two persons are come to be joined. Therefore, if any man can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now declare it, or else hereafter for ever hold his peace.

¶ *Also speaking to those who are come to be married, he shall say :*

I CHARGE you, each and both, as ye shall answer to Him who will judge both quick and dead, if either of you know any reason why ye may not lawfully be joined in marriage, declare it now. For be well assured that all those who are brought together contrary to the Word of God are not joined together of God, neither is their marriage lawful.

¶ *If no sufficient impediment be alleged, the Minister shall say unto the Man :*

Dost thou, M——, take this Woman, before God and these witnesses, to be thy wedded wife?

Answer. I do.

Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking every other, cleave to her only, so long as ye both shall live?

Answer. I will.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say unto the Woman:*

Dost thou, N——, take this Man, before God and these witnesses, to be thy wedded husband?

Answer. I do.

Wilt thou love him, honor him, obey him, and keep him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking every other, cleave to him only, so long as ye both shall live?

Answer. I will.

¶ *Then they may plight their troth to each other as follows: The Minister shall cause the Man and the Woman to join their right hands and repeat after him, first the Man and then the Woman:*

I, ——, take thee, ——, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

¶ *Then, when a ring is used, the Man shall put it on the third finger of the Woman's left hand, and holding it there, repeat after the Minister:*

With this ring I thee wed: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall bid them join their right hands, and shall declare:*

Forasmuch as you, M——, and you, N——, have consented together after God's holy ordinance of Marriage; and have plighted your faith and troth to each

other in the presence of God and of these witnesses; and have confirmed the same by giving and receiving a ring; now, therefore, I pronounce you Husband and Wife: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Whom, therefore, God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Prayer.

O FAITHFUL God, who keepest covenant and truth with them that love Thee, hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place, the marriage vow which Thy servant and handmaid have vowed before Thee. Grant unto them the grace of Thy good Spirit that with all fidelity they may observe and keep it; walking together in Thy faith and fear; being led by the angel of Thy presence and strengthened by Thy hand, until they come to the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has commanded us to pray, saying:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *And the Minister shall pronounce over them this* Benediction.

THE blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE OFFICE FOR
THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *On entering the church, the Minister may use the following sentences:*

¶ *Or, if all the Services be performed at the house, he may begin with these sentences:*

I AM the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

¶ *Then may be read or chanted:*

THE Lord is my shepherd:
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm xxiii.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.
Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in Thy sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.
In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
For we are consumed by Thine anger,
And by Thy wrath are we troubled.
Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee,
Our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.
For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath:
We spend our years as a tale that is told.
The days of our years are threescore years and ten;
And if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
Yet is their strength labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
Who knoweth the power of Thine anger?
Even according to Thy fear so is Thy wrath.
So teach us to number our days,
That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Psalm xc.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say :*

Hear the Word of God as it is given in the fifteenth chapter of St. Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning with the thirty-fifth verse :

BUT some man will say, How are the dead raised up ? and with what body do they come ? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die : and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain : but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased Him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh : but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial : but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars ; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption : it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory : it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power : it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul ; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural ; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy : the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy : and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood

cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also.

At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory.

This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

¶ *After the reading of the Holy Scripture the Minister shall lead the People in*

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the support of the weary, who dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men; look down in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servants, this bereaved household, whose joy is turned into mourning; and according to the multitude of Thy mercies be pleased to uphold, strengthen, and comfort them, that they may not faint under Thy fatherly chastening, but find in Thee their strength and refuge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive

our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *Then may follow an*

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¶ *After which the Minister may use any of the following or other appropriate*

PRAYERS.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those Thy servants who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech Thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU ever-blessed Mediator, who wast dead, but livest for ever, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, and who hast knit all Thy saints in one communion unto life eternal, in that mystical Body of which Thou art the glorious and ever-living Head; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints who have gone before us in the faith and fellowship of Thy holy Church, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for all that love Thee from the foundation of the world. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we be-

seech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Christian Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then standing near the coffin, or having reached the place of burial, the Minister will say:*

IN the midst of life we are in death!
What helper shall we seek but Thee, O Lord,
Who because of our sins art justly displeased!
O holy God, holy and strong, holy and compassionate Saviour,
Give us not over to bitter death!

¶ *Then, while the earth shall be cast upon the coffin by some one standing by, the Minister will say:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of our departed *brother*, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general Resurrection in the last day, and the Life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His glorious body; according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

I HEARD a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors.

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

PRAYERS.

ALMIGHTY God, who, by the death of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, hast destroyed death; by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of the saints; and by His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light: receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave, which He has obtained for us, and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven; in union with Him who is the Resurrection and the Life; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who, in Thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for Thy servants departed the voyage of this troublous life; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who are still to continue our course amidst earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles, may evermore be protected by Thy mercy, and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore. *Amen.*

At the Burial of a Child.

¶ *The following Scripture Lessons and Prayers may be substituted for those which precede.*

THE Lord is my shepherd:
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm xxiii.

LIKE as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.
For He knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
As for man, his days are as grass:
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him,
And His righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep His covenant,
And to those that remember His commandments to do them.

Psalm ciii: 13–18.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications.
If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee,
That Thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
And in His word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that
watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there
is mercy,
And with Him is plenteous redemption.
And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm cxxx.

AND the Lord struck the child, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and went to him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? and they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshiped: then he came to his own house; and when

he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

AND they brought young children unto Jesus that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven.

For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

THEREFORE are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and

He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

THE Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Prayers.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the consolation of the sorrowful, and the support of the weary, who dost not willingly grieve or afflict the children of men; look down in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, upon Thy bereaved servants, whose joy is turned into mourning; so that, while they mourn, they may not murmur, or faint under Thy rod; but, remembering all Thy mercies, Thy promises, and Thy love in Christ, may resign themselves meekly into Thy hands, to be taught and disciplined by Thee. Convert them wholly to Thyself, and fill their desolate hearts with Thy love, that they may cleave more closely to Thee, who bringest life out of death, and who canst turn their grief into eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the

Christian Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, we beseech Thee to comfort these Thy servants in their present sorrow; and as Thou didst send the Holy Spirit to be the Comforter of Thy people, strengthen them by the manifestation of His gracious indwelling, that they may be enabled to contemplate the joy of that better home, where Thou art ever seen and worshiped as the light and glory of Thine elect, who dwellest with the Father, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

BLESSED Lord Jesus, who, when Thou wast here on earth, didst take little children in Thine arms, lay Thy hands upon them and bless them, and who hast declared that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of Thy Father; grant, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants here present that peace which the world cannot give. Strengthen them to do and suffer Thy most holy will. Cause Thy light to shine into their hearts, that they may discern Thy love even in their affliction; and may the sure hope of eternal life in Thee be as an anchor to their souls, till they also shall be with Thee in the glory of the Father. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who by Thy beloved Son hast taught us that whosoever would enter Thy kingdom must become as a little child; grant us, we beseech Thee, in all our trials and sorrows a childlike faith, that we may never question Thy love nor murmur under Thy fatherly chastening;

but firmly believing that Thou doest all things well, may be prepared by all that we suffer here for the happiness which awaits Thy people hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then standing near the coffin, or having reached the place of burial, the Minister will say:*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of this beloved child, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground;* earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general Resurrection in the last day, and the Life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His glorious body; according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

NOW the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

* Here the earth may be cast upon the coffin.

THE OFFICE FOR

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF A MINISTER OF GOD'S WORD.

¶ *The Constitution of the Reformed Church directs that the name of a Candidate for Ordination or Installation shall be published on three successive Lord's Days. In the case of Candidates who are not to be installed at the time over any particular Church, but are to be Ordained to the Ministry, such publication should be made in the church in which the Ordination is to take place.*

¶ *The Sermon and the usual Prayers being finished, the Minister presiding shall proceed as follows:*

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who, through the preaching of Thy Word, hast caused the light of the blessed Gospel to shine throughout the world; grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy presence and favor in all that we do at this present time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BELOVED Brethren: It is known unto you that we have at three different times published the name of our brother, here present, to learn whether any person had aught to offer concerning his life or doctrine, why he might not be *Ordained to the Ministry of the Word** and *Installed as the Pastor and Teacher of this Church.*† And whereas nothing has been alleged against him, we shall therefore in the Name of the Lord proceed to invest him with this sacred office.

Holy Scripture teaches us that God, our heavenly

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* If a Minister already ordained is to be *installed* only, these words shall be omitted.

† If the Candidate is to be *ordained* only, these words shall be omitted.

Father, in gathering unto Himself from among the lost children of men a Church unto life eternal, is pleased therein to use the ministry of men. Also the Apostle Paul declares that the Lord Jesus Christ "gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." It is, therefore, evident that the office of the Ministers of God's Word is:

First. Faithfully to explain and apply the Word of the Lord, to the edification of the hearers; instructing, admonishing, comforting, and reproving, according to every one's need; preaching repentance toward God and reconciliation with Him through faith in Christ; and refuting with the Holy Scriptures all schisms and heresies contrary to the pure doctrine.

Secondly. Publicly to call upon the Name of the Lord in behalf of the whole congregation.

Thirdly. To administer the Sacraments which the Lord has instituted as seals of His grace; as is evident from the command given by Christ to the Apostles and through them to all His Ministers.

Finally. To govern the Church of God in such manner as the Lord has ordained. For Christ, in speaking of the Christian discipline, said to His Apostles: "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven."

From this may be learned how glorious the office of the Christian ministry is and how necessary it is for man's salvation; which is the reason why the Lord will have such an office always to remain. For He said, when He sent forth His Apostles: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

¶ *Here the Candidate shall present himself before the pulpit.*

TO the end, therefore, that it may appear to all here present that you, my Brother, are willing to accept this office as thus described, you are to answer sincerely to these questions:

Do you feel in your heart that you are called of God's Church, and therefore of God Himself, to this holy Ministry?

Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine unto salvation; and do you reject all doctrines contrary thereto?

Do you promise faithfully to discharge your office according to this doctrine and to adorn it with a godly life; also to submit yourself, in case you should become delinquent either in life or doctrine, to ecclesiastical admonition, according to the public ordinance of our Church?

Will you, with the help of God, fulfil all the duty of a faithful Minister of Christ *to this Church;** preaching the Word of God in sincerity; administering the holy Sacraments in purity; maintaining proper discipline in the House of God; and using your utmost endeavor to promote the work and welfare of the Reformed Church in America?

¶ *To all of which questions the Candidate shall answer:*

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

¶ *Then the Minister presiding and other Ministers who are present shall lay their hands on his head. But if he has already been ordained, and is to be installed only, this shall not be done. In either case the presiding Minister shall say:*

* These words shall be omitted in case the Candidate is not to be installed.

GOD, our heavenly Father, who hath called thee to this holy office, enlighten thee with His Spirit; strengthen thee with His hand; and so govern thee in thy ministry that thou mayest decently and fruitfully walk therein; to the glory of His Name and the promotion of the kingdom of His Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister presiding shall from the pulpit address the Candidate as follows:*

TAKE heed, beloved Brother and Fellow-servant in Christ, unto thyself and unto all the flock over which the Holy Spirit shall make thee overseer. Love Christ and feed His sheep. Be an example to believers in word, in conduct, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee. Meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto the doctrine and continue steadfast therein. Bear patiently all sufferings as a good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

¶ *If the Candidate is to be* ordained *but* not installed, *the service will conclude with the following Prayers. If the service is one of* Installation *as well as Ordination, the following Prayers shall be* omitted, *and the presiding Minister shall proceed with the next paragraph, beginning "Inasmuch,"* etc.

Since no man is of himself sufficient for these things, let us call upon God with thanksgiving.

PRAYER.

MERCIFUL Father, we thank Thee that it pleaseth Thee by the ministry of men to gather a

Church unto Thyself to life eternal from among the lost children of men. We beseech Thee to qualify this Thy servant more and more, by Thy Holy Spirit, for the ministry to which Thou hast chosen and called him. Enlighten his understanding to comprehend Thy holy Word. Give him utterance, that he may boldly make known Thy Gospel. Endue him with wisdom and courage. Grant him patience to bear the difficulties and troubles in his ministry and mission; that being strengthened by the comfort of Thy Spirit, he may remain steadfast unto the end and be received with all faithful servants into the joy of his Lord. Hear us, O Father, through Thy beloved Son, who hath taught us to pray:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *The Minister presiding shall then say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which He hath given to His Church, I now declare you to be duly ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry.

¶ *If the newly ordained Minister is at the same time to be* installed, *the Minister presiding shall request the members of the Church to rise, and shall then proceed as follows:*

INASMUCH, beloved Brethren and Members of this Church, as this most solemn procedure involves obligations and duties on your part toward him, I ask of you before God and our Lord Jesus Christ:

Do you in the Name of the Lord receive His servant, our Brother, to be your Minister?

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his lips with meekness and love; and to submit to him in the due discharge of his holy office?

Do you promise to encourage and help him in his sacred work, and to labor with him in faith and prayer for the honor of Christ and the welfare of men?

Do you engage to continue to him, while he remains your Minister, competent worldly maintenance, as you have promised; and whatever else the honor of religion and his comfort among you require?

To these questions what is your answer?

Answer. Yes.

BELOVED Brethren and Sisters: Receive this your Minister in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such in reputation. Remember that God Himself speaketh unto you and beseecheth you through him. Receive the word which he, according to the Scripture, shall preach unto you, not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you. If you do these things, it shall come to pass that the peace of God shall enter into your houses, and that you who receive this man in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and through his preaching, believing in Christ, shall through Christ inherit life eternal.

¶ *The presiding Minister shall then say:*

IN the name and by authority of the Classis of —— I now declare that the pastoral relation between the Reverend —— and the Church of —— is fully

constituted, and that the Reverend —— is the lawfully installed Pastor and Teacher of this Church.

Since no man is of himself sufficient for these things, let us call upon God with thanksgiving.

Prayer.

MERCIFUL Father, we thank Thee that it pleaseth Thee, by the ministry of men, to gather a Church unto Thyself to life eternal, from among the lost children of men. We bless Thee for so graciously providing the Church in this place with a faithful Minister. We beseech Thee to qualify him daily more and more, by Thy Holy Spirit, for the ministry to which Thou hast chosen and called him. Enlighten his understanding to comprehend Thy holy Word. Give him utterance, that he may boldly and faithfully proclaim Thy Gospel. Endue him with wisdom to govern aright the people over whom he is set, and to preserve them in Christian peace. Grant him patience to bear the difficulties and troubles which he may meet in his ministry; that being strengthened by the comfort of Thy Spirit, he may remain steadfast unto the end and be received with all faithful servants into the joy of his Lord.

Give Thy grace also to this People and Church, that they may bear themselves aright toward this their Minister; that they may acknowledge him to be sent of Thee; that they may receive his doctrine with all reverence and submit themselves to his exhortations; to the end that they may, by his word, believing in Christ, be made partakers of eternal life. Hear us, O Father, through Thy beloved Son, who hath taught us to pray:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE OFFICE FOR

THE ORDINATION OF A MISSIONARY.

¶ *The Sermon and the usual Prayers being finished, the Minister thereunto appointed by the Classis shall speak thus to the Congregation present:*

BELOVED Brethren: We are met together in the presence of Almighty God by direction of the Classis, to ordain to the Ministry of the Word our brother here present, that he may serve God and His Church as a Missionary Evangelist. The Classis being satisfied by due examination of his piety and fitness for this work, we shall therefore at present, in the Name of the Lord, proceed to his ordination, for which purpose all those who are here present shall first attend to a short declaration taken from the Word of God touching the institution of the office of Ministers.

In the first place, you are to observe that God, our heavenly Father, willing to call and gather a Church from among the lost race of men unto life eternal, doth by a particular mark of His favor use the ministry of men. Therefore the Apostle Paul saith that the Lord Jesus Christ "gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Here we see that the holy Apostle, among other things, saith that the Evangelist's office is an institution of Christ. So, also, we are told in the Gospel that "when Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye

therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

The office, therefore, of Missionary Evangelists and Ministers of God's Word is to carry the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to all nations, as He hath commanded, preaching repentance toward God, and reconciliation with Him through faith in Christ. This the Apostle Paul also testifies, as when he saith (Rom. x: 13–15), "Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. How, then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

From all which we learn that one who is to be ordained, particularly as a Missionary and Evangelist, is not only to exercise the ordinary office of a Minister of the Word, namely, to feed God's people with the holy Scriptures, to administer the Sacraments and to maintain Christian discipline, but that he is to hold himself especially bound to preach our holy religion to those who are in darkness and the shadow of death, teaching and beseeching them to be reconciled to God through Christ.

Forasmuch, therefore, as we, for the maintaining of this office in the Church of God, are now to ordain a new minister of the Word who shall be also a Missionary of the Cross, therefore you, my Brother, shall answer openly and sincerely the following questions, to the end that it may appear to all here present that you are inclined to accept of this office as above described:

Do you feel in your heart that you are called of God's Church, and therefore of God Himself, to this holy Ministry?

Do you believe the books of the Old and New

Testaments to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine unto salvation; and do you reject all doctrines contrary thereto?

Do you promise faithfully to discharge your office, according to this doctrine, and to adorn it with a godly life; also to submit yourself, in case you should become delinquent either in life or doctrine, to ecclesiastical admonition, according to the public ordinance of our Church?

¶ *To which the Candidate shall give answer:*

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

¶ *Then the Minister who demanded these questions of him, and other Ministers who are present, shall lay their hands on his head, and the presiding Minister shall say:*

GOD, our heavenly Father, who hath called thee to this holy office, enlighten thee with His Spirit; strengthen thee with His hand; and so govern thee in thy ministry that thou mayest decently and fruitfully walk therein; to the glory of His Name and the promotion of the kingdom of His Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *Then the officiating Minister shall, from the pulpit, exhort the ordained Minister in the following manner:*

TAKE heed, therefore, beloved Brother and Fellow-servant in Christ, unto thyself, and unto those among whom thou shalt labor. Be an example to believers in word, in conduct, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. Neglect not the gift that is in thee. Meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto the doctrine and continue steadfast therein. Faithfully exercise thyself in the holy Scriptures and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of the same, that thou mayest be able to teach and

exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and convince gainsayers. Proclaim to all men the whole counsel of God. Gather those who accept His salvation into His Church. Exercise such discipline among them as may be necessary, and as by the authority of God and the order of this Church is committed to thee. Bear patiently all sufferings and oppressions as a good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Since no man is of himself sufficient for these things, let us call upon God with thanksgiving.

Prayer.

MERCIFUL Father, we thank Thee that it pleaseth Thee by the ministry of men to gather a Church unto Thyself to life eternal from among the lost children of men. We beseech Thee to qualify this Thy servant more and more, by Thy Holy Spirit, for the ministry to which Thou hast chosen and called him. Enlighten his understanding to comprehend Thy holy Word. Give him utterance, that he may boldly make known Thy Gospel. Endue him with wisdom and courage. Grant him patience to bear the difficulties and troubles in his ministry and mission; that being strengthened by the comfort of Thy Spirit, he may remain steadfast unto the end and be received with all faithful servants into the joy of his Lord. Hear us, O Father, through Thy beloved Son, who hath taught us to pray:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *The Minister presiding shall then say:*

IN the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which He hath given to His Church, I now declare you to be duly ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry.

THE OFFICE FOR

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS.

¶ *The respective ecclesiastical powers and duties of Elders and Deacons are laid down in the Chapter of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in America concerning Consistories, and those officers should acquaint themselves therewith. Their civil powers vary under the laws of different States.*

¶ *The Constitution directs that the names of all Elders and Deacons elect shall be published from the pulpits of their churches on three successive Lord's Days, so that any lawful objections by competent persons may be interposed.*

¶ *Elders and Deacons may be reëlected, but need not be reordained. (Constitution, IV, 7.) In such cases the following Form shall be considered only as an Installation.*

¶ *On the appointed day, at such place in the order of public worship as the Minister shall judge proper, unless a prayer has immediately preceded, he shall offer the following*

Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our work at this time, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *After the prayer he shall address the People as follows:*

BELOVED Christians: We have several times published unto you the names of our brethren here present, who are chosen to the office of Elders and Deacons in this Church, to the end that we might know whether any person had aught to allege why they should not be inducted into their respective of-

fices. And whereas no one has appeared before us, we shall now proceed in the Name of the Lord.

But first attend to a declaration concerning the office of Elders and Deacons.

First. The office of the Elders is, together with the Ministers of the Word, to take the oversight of the Church which is committed to them, and diligently to look whether every one properly deports himself; to admonish those who behave themselves disorderly, and to prevent as much as possible the Sacraments from being profaned; to act according to the Christian discipline against the impenitent, and to receive the penitent again into the bosom of the Church: as it appears from many places of Holy Writ that these things are not intrusted to one or two persons only, but to many who are ordained thereto.

Secondly. It is also the duty of the Elders, in all occurrences which relate to the welfare and good order of the Church, to be assistant with their good counsel to the Ministers of the Word: yea, to serve all Christians with advice and consolation.

Thirdly. It is also their duty particularly to have regard to the teaching and conduct of the Ministers of the Word, to the end that all things may be directed to the edification of the Church, and that no strange doctrine be taught; for the performance of which the Elders are in duty bound diligently to search the Word of God.

Concerning the Deacons: Of the origin and institution of their office, we may read in Acts vi that men were chosen, by the advice of the Apostles, who should make the service of the poor their peculiar business, to the end that the Apostles might give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. From this passage we may easily gather what the Deacons' office is, namely:

First. That they collect and preserve with the great-

est fidelity and diligence the alms which are given to the poor.

Secondly. That they distribute the same, not only with wisdom and prudence, but also with sympathy and hearty affection.

¶ *Hereupon the Officers elect shall take their stand before the pulpit, in the presence of the Congregation, and the officiating Minister shall put to them the following questions:*

TO the end, therefore, Beloved Brethren, that every one may hear that you are willing to take your respective offices upon you, you shall answer the following questions:

I ask you, both Elders and Deacons, whether you feel in your hearts that you are lawfully called of God's Church, and consequently of God himself, to these your respective offices?

Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine of salvation; and do you reject all doctrines contrary thereto?

Do you promise, in accordance with this doctrine, faithfully, according to your ability, to discharge your respective offices; the Elders in the government of the Church; and the Deacons in the ministrations to the poor? Do you also jointly promise to walk in all godliness, and, in case you should become remiss in your duty, to submit yourselves to the admonitions of the Church?

¶ *Upon which they shall answer:*

We do.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

THE Almighty God and Father replenish you all with His grace, that you may faithfully and fruitfully discharge your respective offices. Amen.

¶ *The Minister may here come down from the pulpit, and laying his hand upon any of those who have not before served in any Consistory, may say:*

TAKE thou authority to execute the office of Elder [or Deacon] in the Reformed Church in America: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *But this ceremony shall not be observed in the case of those who have served in that office already. Neither does the Reformed Church consider it necessary for full and proper Ordination.*

¶ *The Minister shall further exhort them and the whole Congregation in the following manner:*

THEREFORE you, Elders, be diligent in the government of the Church, which is committed to you and to the Ministers of the Word. Take heed that purity of doctrine and godliness of life be maintained in the Church of God.

And you, Deacons, be diligent in collecting and prudent in distributing the alms; assist the oppressed; provide for the widows and orphans; show liberality, especially to the household of faith.

Be all, with one accord, faithful in your offices, and hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience; being good examples to all the people. In so doing you will purchase to yourselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus; and hereafter enter into the joy of your Lord.

On the other hand, beloved Christians, receive these men as the servants of God. Count the Elders that rule well worthy of double honor. Provide the Deacons with sufficient means to assist those who are in need.

Each of you doing these things in your respective places shall receive of the Lord the reward of righteousness. But since we are unable of ourselves, let us call upon the Name of the Lord, saying:

Prayer.

O LORD God and heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast granted us in this place, for the maintenance and service of Thy Church, men who are of good testimony and, as we trust, endued with Thy Spirit. We beseech Thee, replenish them more and more with such gifts as may be necessary for them in their ministrations. Give grace unto them that they may persevere in their faithful labor, and never become weary by reason of any trouble, pain, or persecution of the world.

Grant also Thy divine grace to this people over whom they are placed: to the end that every one acquitting himself of his duty, Thy holy Name may thereby be magnified, and the kingdom of Thy Son Jesus Christ enlarged; in whose Name we conclude our prayers, saying:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE OFFICE FOR
THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF A CHURCH.

¶ *The Minister officiating shall begin the service with the* SALUTATION:

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ *After which he shall say:*

DEARLY beloved: We are here assembled in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to lay the corner-stone of a house to be erected to His honor and service and praise. Within its walls His holy Name is to be worshiped, His holy Gospel is to be preached, and His holy Sacraments are to be administered. Knowing that our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, let us lift up our hearts unto Him in humble supplication for His blessing.

PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner-stone; direct us in this our undertaking with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be chanted or read responsively from the* SCRIPTURES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Psalm lxxxvii.

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.
The Lord loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God.
I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me:
Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.
And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her:
And the Highest Himself shall establish her.
The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people,
That this man was born there.
As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there:
All my springs are in Thee.

¶ *And from the* Scriptures of the New Testament *shall be read:*

1 Peter ii: 1–9.

WHEREFORE, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil-speakings, as new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious: to whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient,

the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

¶ *Then any such historical or descriptive document as may have been prepared to be deposited in the Corner-stone may be read, and the stone having been set in its place, the Minister, laying his hand upon it, or striking it thrice with a mallet, shall say:*

I LAY the Corner-stone of a house to be erected, and devoted to the service of Almighty God; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

¶ *Then shall be repeated, in unison, the* APOSTLES' CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic

* Instead of the word *Hell*, may be used the word *Hades*.

Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *After which may be sung a* HYMN. *Then may follow an*

ADDRESS.

¶ *After which shall be offered the concluding* PRAYER:

BLESSED be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to commence the erection of a house, in which Thy Name is to be worshiped, the glad tidings of salvation proclaimed, and Thy holy Sacraments administered. Prosper them, O Lord, in this their undertaking. Keep and preserve by Thy providence unto the end the work which is now begun in Thy fear. Excite the skill and animate the industry of the workmen. Shield them from accident and danger. And grant unto them, and unto all of us here present, the influences of Thy divine Spirit, so that we may become, in soul and body, living temples of the Holy Spirit, and be prepared for that eternal city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God. All which we ask through the abundant merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

THE OFFICE FOR
THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH.

¶ *The usual Order of Service for the Lord's Day having been observed until after the reading of the Commandments, the following* LESSONS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *shall then be read, the Minister and People reading the* PSALTER *responsively:*

I. — FROM THE PSALTER.

THE earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For He hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in His holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is the generation of them that seek Him,
That seek Thy face, O Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Psalm xxiv.

LORD, remember David,
And all his afflictions:
How he sware unto the Lord,
And vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;
Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into my bed;
I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids,
Until I find out a place for the Lord,
A habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah:
We found it in the fields of the wood.
We will go into His tabernacles:
We will worship at His footstool.
Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest;
Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.
Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let Thy saints shout for joy.
For Thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of Thine anointed.
The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it;
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
If thy children will keep My covenant and My testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.
For the Lord hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for His habitation.
This is My rest for ever: here will I dwell;
For I have desired it.
I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
I will also clothe her priests with salvation:
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
There will I make the horn of David to bud:
I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed.

His enemies will I clothe with shame:
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.
Psalm cxxxii.

¶ *Here may be sung the* GLORIA PATRI.

II. — FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Exod. xl: 17–38; or, 1 Kings, ix: 1–9.

III. — FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Heb. xiii: 10–21; or, Rev. xxi: 10–27.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord: God, our heavenly Father, having in His grace, which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, brought to its consummation our work of preparing a house for His worship, and the honor of His holy Name; within whose walls His holy Gospel is to be truly preached and His holy Sacraments are to be faithfully administered; we are now gathered in His holy presence for the purpose of devoting it by a solemn act of worship to its proper and sacred use. I call upon you, therefore, to arise, and before the Lord to unite in this act of dedication, confessing first, devoutly, our holy faith.

¶ *Here the Congregation shall rise.*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God

* Instead of the word *Hell*, may be used the word *Hades*.

the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister shall offer the* PRAYER OF DEDICATION, *the People uniting audibly in the responses:*

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who art, and wast, and art to come, the whole earth is full of Thy glory! Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. Now, therefore, we thank Thee, O God, and praise Thy glorious Name.

But who are we, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build Thee an house for Thine holy Name cometh of Thine hand and is all Thine own.

Now behold, O Lord our God, and look unto this place where we are gathered in Thy Name; and have respect to the prayer of Thy servants and to their supplication, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which Thy servants pray before Thee this day, to take this house for Thine own.

Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

To Thee we dedicate this House.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who art in heaven,

To Thee we dedicate this House.

Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father, Head

of the body, which is the Church; Head over all things to the Church; Prophet, Priest, and King of Thy people,

To Thee we dedicate this House.

God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; given to be our abiding Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter; Lord and Giver of Life,

To Thee we dedicate this House.

Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Thy people shout for joy. Put Thy Name in this place. Sanctify it by Thy presence and Thy constant abiding. Give power and efficacy to Thy Gospel preached in it, and Thy Sacraments administered in it. Let Thine eyes be opened towards it; and hearken unto the supplications of Thy people when they pray in this place, and hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest, forgive. And from this outer court of Thy holy Sanctuary bring Thy people and their children into the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man; the heavenly temple, of which the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light. We ask and offer all in the Name of Thy Son our Saviour, who hath taught us to pray:

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the usual Order of Service, beginning with the Hymn before the Sermon.*

THE OFFICES FOR CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

I.

Excommunication.

BELOVED in the Lord: It is known to you that we have several times announced to you the sin committed and the offence given by our fellow-member, N——, to the end that he might by your admonition and prayers be brought to repentance. But we cannot conceal from you that he has shown no token of true repentance, but, on the contrary, in spite of the patience of the Church, daily aggravates his sin.

We are therefore now, according to the command of God in His holy Word, constrained with deep sorrow to proceed to the final step of discipline, in order that our erring brother may, if possible, be made ashamed of his sin and that God's Name may not be blasphemed in the Church.

Therefore we, the Minister and Elders of this Church, do declare before you all that, in the Name and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have excommunicated N—— from the Church of Christ and from the communion of the holy Sacraments and from the spiritual benefits which God bestows upon His Church, so long as he shall impenitently persist in his sins.

Nevertheless, we exhort you, beloved Christians, to count him not as an enemy, but to admonish him at all times as a brother. And let every one take warning by this sad example to fear the Lord and diligently take heed unto himself. Knowing the wiles of the wicked one, let us guard against the beginnings of evil, and watch and pray lest we enter into temptation.

Since we are assured that there is forgiveness with

the Lord, that He may be feared, let us together call upon His holy Name, with confession of our sins and supplication for His mercy.

PRAYER.

II.

READMISSION OF THE PENITENT.

BELOVED in the Lord: It is known to you that some time ago we were constrained to separate our fellow-member, N——, from the communion of the Church. We may now rejoice in the blessed results of Christian discipline, and thankfully announce that our brother desires to be readmitted into the fellowship of Christ's people. And whereas no one has alleged any reason why such readmission should not take place, we therefore now proceed to receive him again into the Church of Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, having confirmed the sentence of His Church in the discipline of such as are impenitent, declares also that whatsoever His Ministers shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, thereby teaching that those who may be cut off from His Church are not deprived of all hope of salvation, but may again by His grace be restored. Again He declares, "Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them." Therefore no one who truly repents may doubt that he is assuredly received by God in mercy.

I ask you therefore, N——, whether you do acknowledge before God and His Church, that you are sincerely sorry for your sin and truly believe that the Lord has forgiven you; and are you desirous henceforth to live in all godliness?

Answer. Yes, truly.

We then, here assembled in the Name of the Lord, receive you again into the communion of the Church

of Christ and of all its spiritual benefits; and may the Eternal God preserve you and us therein to the end.

And you, beloved Christians, receive this your brother with hearty affection, and count him no longer as a stranger, but as a fellow-citizen with the saints and of the household of God.

And let us together praise and magnify the Lord Almighty.

PRAYER.

THE CREEDS.

I.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;* The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

II.

The Nicene Creed.

WE believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for

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us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

III.

The Athanasian Creed.

1. Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

2. Which Faith, except one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

3. The Catholic Faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

4. Neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the Substance.

5. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost.

6. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one; the Glory equal, and the Majesty coeternal.

7. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.

8. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Ghost uncreated.

9. The Father immeasurable, and the Son immeasurable, and the Holy Ghost immeasurable.

10. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Ghost eternal.

11. And yet there are not three Eternals; but one Eternal.

12. As also there are not three Immeasurables, nor three Uncreated; but one Uncreated, and one Immeasurable.

13. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

14. And yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

15. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God.

16. And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

17. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord.

18. And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

19. For, as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be God and Lord:

20. So we are forbidden by the Catholic Faith to say, there be three Gods, or three Lords.

21. The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.

22. The Son is of the Father alone, not made, nor created, but begotten.

23. The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

24. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts:

25. And in this Trinity, there is not first nor last.

26. But the whole three Persons are coeternal together, and coequal.

27. So that in all things, as it is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

28. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

29. Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

30. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man:

31. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the world: and Man of the substance of his Mother, born in time:

32. Perfect God and perfect Man, having a reasonable Soul and a human Body:

33. Equal to the Father, according to his Godhead: and inferior to the Father as to his Manhood:

34. Who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not two but one Christ:

35. One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the Manhood into God.

36. He is not one by mixture of Substance, but by unity of Person.

37. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one Man; so God and Man is one Christ:

38. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead;

39. He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty:

40. From whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

41. At Whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies;

42. And shall give an account for their own works.

43. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil, into everlasting fire.

44. This is the Catholic Faith, which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

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GENERAL PRAYERS.

The Litany.

O GOD, the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful unto us, and spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful unto us, and deliver us, O Lord.
From all sin, from all error, from all evil, from the wiles of the devil,

Deliver us, O Lord.

From dying suddenly and unprepared; from pestilence and famine, from war and slaughter, from sedition and conspiracy, from lightning and tempest, from everlasting death,

Deliver us, O Lord.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation, by Thy holy Nativity, by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptations,

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by Thy Cross and Passion, by Thy Death and Burial, by Thy Resurrection and Ascension, by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

Deliver us, O Lord.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our felicity, in the hour of death, in the day of judgment,

Deliver us, O Lord.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us:

That it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church Universal;

That it may please Thee to preserve in soundness of word and holiness of life all pastors and ministers of Thy Church;

That it may please Thee to remove all sects and scandals;

That it may please Thee to bring back into the way of truth all such as wander and have been led astray;

That it may please Thee to crush Satan under our feet;

That it may please Thee to send forth faithful laborers into Thy harvest;

That it may please Thee to grant the increase of Thy Word and the fruit of Thy Spirit unto all that hear;

That it may please Thee to raise the fallen, and strengthen those that stand;

That it may please Thee to console the weak-hearted, and succor the tempted;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to give peace and concord unto all rulers and governors;

That it may please Thee to guide and protect our chief Magistrate, with all his counselors;

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve our people, and all in authority among us;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That it may please Thee to look upon the afflicted, and those that are in danger, and to comfort them;

That it may please Thee to succor all women in the perils of child-birth;

That it may please Thee to cherish and protect young children and sick persons;

That it may please Thee to defend and suitably provide for the orphans and widows;

That it may please Thee to grant freedom unto captives;

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men;

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to convert them;

That it may please Thee to give and preserve the fruits of the earth;

That it may please Thee to grant all these our requests;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

Lord, deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the groans of the contrite, nor rejectest the desire of the sorrowful; be favorable to our prayers, which, in our afflictions that continually oppress us, we pour out before Thee, and graciously hear them; that those things which the craft of the devil or of man worketh against us may be brought to naught, and by the counsel of Thy goodness be scattered; that being hurt by no persecutions, we may ever give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed; give unto Thy

servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may by Thy protection pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgivings.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, in glory exalted, and in mercy ever blessed; we magnify Thee, we praise Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for Thy bountiful providence, for all the blessings of this present life, and all the hopes of a better life to come. Let the memory of Thy goodness, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness; and let no unworthiness of ours provoke Thee to withhold from us any needed good, see-

ing that all Thy blessings come not by our desert, but only through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confessions of Sin.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and

please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Forgiveness.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

For Spiritual Strength.

O THOU Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we beseech Thee, according to the riches of Thy glory, to strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; so that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. *Amen.*

For Faith, Hope, and Charity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Purity.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Pardon and Peace.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Confidence in God.

O LORD, by all Thy dealings with us, whether of joy or pain, of light or darkness, let us be brought to Thee. Let us value no treatment of Thy grace simply because it makes us happy or because it makes us sad, because it gives us or denies us what we want; but may all that Thou sendest us bring us to Thee, that knowing Thy perfectness, we may be sure in every disappointment that Thou art still loving us, in every darkness that Thou art still enlightening us, and in every enforced idleness that Thou art still using us; yea, in every death that Thou art giving us life, as in His death Thou didst give life to Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Protection.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may endanger the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; and as we have received how we ought to walk and please Thee, so may we abound more and more; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us Thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

For Guidance.

I.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued,

and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Grace to Use aright the Word.

I.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

II.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears may, through Thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Grace to Live aright.

I.

O GOD, everlasting and almighty, whose grace hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men; teach us

to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, even the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. *Amen.*

II.

GRANT us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Church.

O LORD of heaven and earth, who hast promised to reveal Thy glory by Jesus Christ among all nations; remember, we beseech Thee, Thy holy Church throughout all the world. Unite all who profess and call themselves Christians in the bond of a living faith as the body of Christ, and so replenish them and us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works, and may turn many to righteousness through the preaching of the Gospel. And grant that, having persevered in the way of godliness to the end, we may, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, and saints of all ages, come into full communion with Thee, and with one another, in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Missions and Missionaries.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give commandment to the holy Apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; grant to us whom thou hast called into Thy Church a ready will to obey Thy word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into Thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by Thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that by their life and doctrine they may show forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD, who didst send Thy Son to seek and to save the lost, hear the prayer of Thy Church for those who, at Thy command, go forth to preach the Gospel. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, and cause men everywhere to heed the message of salvation. We pray in particular for the missionaries of the cross in our own land. Guide them, we beseech Thee, in all their perplexities; give them wisdom, strength, and courage to make known by word and life the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Make them apt to teach, gentle to persuade, and wise to win souls; so that men may turn unto the Lord, Thy name be glorified, and our land saved from godlessness. O Lord, our prayer is

before Thee, and all this we humbly ask in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For All Conditions of Men.

I.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast taught us to make intercession for all men; we pray not only for ourselves here present, but we beseech Thee also to bring all such as are yet ignorant, from the miserable captivity of error to the pure understanding of Thy heavenly truth; that all, with one consent and unity of mind, may worship Thee, our only God and Saviour. We pray that all Thy ministers and people may both in life and doctrine be found faithful; and that, by them, all poor sheep which wander and go astray may be gathered and brought home to Thy fold.

Moreover, because the reins of government are in

Thy hands, we beseech Thee to direct and bless all who are in lawful authority; especially Thy servant, the President of the United States, and all others to whom the people have intrusted power, together with the whole body of the Commonwealth. Let Thy fatherly favor so preserve them, and Thy Holy Spirit so govern their hearts, that religion may be purely maintained, and our land may abide in righteousness and peace.

Finally, we beseech Thee for all those that are called to bear any cross or tribulation; that it may please Thee to sustain them with the sweet comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, until Thou send a full deliverance out of all their troubles; so that through their patience and constancy Thy kingdom may increase and shine through all the world. These, with all other mercies, we humbly beg of Thee, in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee: and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR CERTAIN OCCASIONS.

Advent.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall

come again in His glorious majesty to judge both quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *Amen.*

Christmas Day.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, whom no man hath seen or can see, we bless Thee that Thou hast been pleased to manifest Thyself unto us in Jesus Christ Thy Son. We praise Thee that in the fulness of time He came into this world and took upon Him our human nature, that He might reveal to us Thy love and bring us into fellowship with Thee. Thanks be unto Thee, O God, for Thine unspeakable gift.

Grant now, we beseech Thee, that, rejoicing in the remembrance of His holy birth, we may welcome Him in our hearts as our Saviour and Lord. May His Spirit dwell in our souls and rule in our lives. May we give ourselves to Him in gladness and gratitude, and show our desire to honor and serve Him in the willing service of our fellowmen. And may the glad tidings of Thy grace in Jesus Christ soon be proclaimed throughout all the world, to the praise of Thy most holy Name. *Amen.*

Epiphany.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Spirit, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Good Friday.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of a godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His most inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; that dying unto sin, and living unto righteousness, we may at last attain unto eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who of Thy tender love towards mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and that in the form of a servant, and to suffer death, even the death of the cross, for our redemption, and that we should follow the example of His great humility, patience, and obedience; mercifully grant that this mind may be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; that we may both follow the example of His humble obedience and patient suffering, and also be made partakers of His glorious resurrection, to live with Thee forever. Grant this for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Easter Day.

I.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, who didst suffer Thine only-begotten Son to die for our sins, we praise Thy great and glorious Name that Thou didst not leave His soul in death nor suffer Thine holy One to see corruption; but didst highly exalt Him, giving Him a Name which is above every name, and didst declare Him to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.

Mercifully grant that we, having known the fellowship of His sufferings, may also know the power of His resurrection; that like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also may walk in newness of life. Lift up our hearts that we may seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. And when at last He who is our life shall appear, then may we also appear with Him in glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WHITSUNDAY.

I.

O GOD, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

GOD of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel, by sending down Thy Holy Spirit on the day of Pente-

cost, to establish the Church as the home of His continual presence and power among men; mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illuminate, refresh, and sanctify our dying souls; to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

All Saints' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The New Year.

I.

O THOU who art from everlasting to everlasting and whose years have no end; look in mercy upon us Thy servants whom Thou hast brought to the beginning of another year. Forgive the failures and sins of the year that is past and establish the work of our hands upon us, so far as it has been wrought in Thee. Guide and strengthen us in the duties and trials which in Thy providence await us, that whether we live, we may live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we may die unto the Lord. Prepare us by Thy Holy Spirit for that which Thou hast appointed for us and grant that in all things we may be accepted of Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast continued our life from year to year; grant that by longer life we may become less desirous of temporal pleasures and more careful of eternal happiness. So teach us to number our days that our minds may be more withdrawn from vanity and folly, more enlightened with the knowledge of Thy will, and more invigorated with power to obey it. O Lord, calm our thoughts, direct our desires, and fortify our purposes, that we may walk with cheerful confidence in the path which Thou hast appointed for us, growing wiser and stronger in spirit as we advance in years; and so support us by Thy grace that we may live in Thy favor and die in Thy peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the President of the United States and All in Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servant, The President of the United States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, from whom proceed all power and dominion in heaven and earth; most heartily we beseech Thee

to look with favor upon Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all others in authority. Imbue them with the spirit of wisdom, goodness, and truth; and so rule their hearts, and bless their endeavors, that law and order, justice and peace may everywhere prevail. Preserve us from public calamities; from pestilence and famine; from war, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; but especially from national sins and corruption. Make us strong and great in the fear of God and in the love of righteousness; so that being blessed of Thee, we may become a blessing to all nations, to the praise of the glory of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Congress.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the people of this Nation in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled; that Thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of the people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, virtue and piety may be established among us. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For the Sick.

O LORD God, in whose hand our breath is; regard with tender compassion Thy *servant*, whom it hath pleased Thee to visit with sickness. Be graciously near to *him* in the hour of *his* need. Grant unto *him* true repentance for all *his* sins, a firm and steady

trust in the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and grace to be in perfect charity with all men. Enable *him* to cast all *his* cares on Thee, and to yield *himself* with childlike submission to Thy righteous will.

God of all power and grace, bless, we entreat Thee, the means used for *his* recovery, rebuke the violence of disease, and raise *him* up from *his* bed of pain, that, being delivered by Thy compassion, *he* may walk before Thee in newness of life. But if, O most wise and merciful Father, this sickness should be unto death, grant *him*, we humbly implore Thee, a comfortable release from all *his* sufferings. Let the arms of Thine everlasting love be around *him*, and, when flesh and heart shall fail, be Thou the strength of *his* heart and *his* portion for evermore; through the mediation and merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Child.

I.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness. May it please Thee, O Lord, to deliver *him* from *his* bodily pain, to restore *him* to health, and to cleanse and save *his* soul, for Thy mercies' sake. If it shall be Thy holy will to prolong *his* days on earth, may *he* live to Thee and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in *his* generation; but if Thou shalt take *him* out of this world, receive *him*, we beseech Thee, into those heavenly habitations, where they who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, in the Name of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU divine Saviour, who wast Thyself a babe in Bethlehem and who didst afterward take little children in Thine arms, lay Thine hands on them and bless them; hear our prayer for this dear child and mercifully grant that *his* sickness may not be unto death. O Thou who hast all power both in heaven and on earth, bless, we beseech Thee, the means that are used for *his* restoration to health, and rejoice the hearts of all those who love *him*. And if it shall please Thee to grant this our request, may both *he* and we henceforth walk before Thee in gladness and gratitude and in the beauty of holiness. But whatever Thy wisdom shall ordain, give us the peace which comes through faith in Thee and at last receive us into the home which Thou hast prepared for us; and Thine shall be the praise for ever. *Amen.*

At a Funeral Service.

I.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; we humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him; and that at the Resurrection we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and serve Thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of My Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world: grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

At the Burial of one who lived apart from the Church.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest not as man seeth, neither judgest as man judgeth, we give Thee thanks for all that was worthy in the life of *him* who has now passed from this world. We praise Thee for every deed of kindness, every word of affection, and every useful labor of our departed *brother.* Since it is through Thy mercy alone that we are not cut off, and by Thy grace that we are saved, we beseech Thee so to impress our hearts with a sense of our own sinfulness and our need of Thy forgiveness, that, earnestly desiring the best gifts, we may henceforth walk humbly before Thee and serve Thee in faith, hope, and love, until the day break and the shadows flee away; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Afflicted.

GOD of all comfort, we commend to Thy mercy all those upon whom any cross or tribulation is laid; the nations who are afflicted with famine, pestilence, or war; those of our brethren who suffer persecution for the sake of the Gospel; all such as are in danger by sea or land, and all persons oppressed with poverty, sickness, or any infirmity of body or sorrow of mind. We pray particularly for the sick and afflicted mem-

bers of this church, and for those who desire to be remembered in our prayers [and for any such known to ourselves, whom we name in our hearts before Thee]. May it please Thee to show them Thy fatherly kindness, chastening them for their good; that their hearts may turn unto Thee, and receive perfect consolation, and deliverance from all their troubles, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

On Commencing a Journey.

O MOST glorious Lord God, who of old didst lead Thine armies as with a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, be our Leader and Guardian, we beseech Thee, in all our journeyings; our support in setting out, our solace on the way, our shadow in the heat, our covert in the rain and cold, the help of our weariness, the fortress of our adversity, and our staff in the way of danger; that under Thy guidance we may safely come to our journey's end, and at length to the end of this our earthly warfare and pilgrimage; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Person Going to Sea.

O ETERNAL Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; we commend to Thine almighty protection Thy servant, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard him, we beseech Thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, from every evil; and conduct him in safety to the haven where he would be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Absent from Home.

O GOD, who art everywhere present, ruling the sea and the land, we entreat Thee for Thy servant

now absent from us. Keep him from peril, from sickness, from sin, and from death. Cover him as with a shield, and sanctify his experience of Thy mercy to his eternal profit and joy. In due time restore him to his home, and keep him and us through the journey of this life, that we may all reach our Father's house in peace, through His grace who hath opened the kingdom of Heaven to all who believe in His holy Name. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving after Harvest.

WE give Thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for all Thy goodness, and especially for this Thy bounty again bestowed upon us, who, through Thy providence and tender mercy towards us, have now reaped the fruits of the earth in due season, and gathered them into our garners. Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy lovingkindness towards us, that year by year our land may yield her increase, filling our hearts with food and gladness, to the comfort of Thy people and the glory of Thy holy Name; and so dispose us by Thy special grace preventing us, that we Thy servants may never sow to the flesh alone, lest of the flesh we reap corruption, but may sow to the Spirit, and of the Spirit reap life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Opening of the Consistory.

HEAVENLY Father, eternal and merciful God, it hath pleased Thee of Thine infinite wisdom and goodness to gather a Church unto Thyself out of all nations by the preaching of Thy holy Gospel, and to govern the same by the service of men. Thou hast also graciously called us to this office and commanded us to take heed unto ourselves and unto the flock which Christ hath bought with His precious blood. Since we are at this time assembled in Thy holy Name

to consult, as our office requires, for the welfare and edification of this Church, we beseech Thee, O faithful God and Father, to be present by Thy Holy Spirit, according to Thy promise, in the midst of us, to guide us into all truth. Remove from us all misapprehensions and wrong desires, and grant that Thy holy Word may be our only rule and guide; that all our deliberations may tend to the glory of Thy Name and the upbuilding of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, the only true God, shall be all the praise for ever. *Amen.*

At the Close of the Consistory.

O LORD God and heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast been pleased to establish this Church and to use our services therein. We beseech Thee that Thou wilt graciously bless what we have now done in Thy Name and wilt carry forward Thine own work amongst us, that Thy people may be built up on their most holy faith and that sinners may be converted unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son. *Amen.*

At a Meeting of the Deacons.

MERCIFUL God and Father, as we who are called to the office of Deacons in this Church are here met in Thy Name, to consult together concerning our ministry; we humbly beseech Thee for the sake of Jesus Christ, that Thou wilt be pleased to endue us with wisdom, to the end that we may with all cheerfulness and fidelity distribute the alms collected by us to every one according to his necessity, and may faithfully perform all the duties to which Thou hast called us. Grant us the talents to comfort those who are in need, not only with external gifts but also with Thy holy Word. And be pleased to extend Thy blessing

over us, so that both we and they may have reason to praise Thee, knowing the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich. *Amen.*

Morning Prayers.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father and Preserver, we give Thee thanks that of Thy goodness Thou hast watched over us the past night, and brought us to a new day; and we beseech Thee to strengthen and guard us by Thy Spirit, that we may spend this day wholly in Thy service and to Thy glory, looking for all prosperity to Thy blessing, and seeking only those things which are well-pleasing in Thy sight. Enable us, O Lord, while we labor for the life that now is, ever to have regard unto that heavenly life which Thou hast promised Thy children. Defend us in soul and body from all harm. And seeing it is a small thing to have begun well, except we also persevere, take us, O Lord, into Thy good keeping this day and all our days; continue and increase Thy grace within us, until we shall be perfectly united in the glory of Thy Son. Show Thy lovingkindness unto all men and women and little children, according to the need of every living soul, especially unto those whom we love, and those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, whom we now remember silently before Thee. Protect our country and prosper Thy Church: bless all who do good in the world, and restrain and convert all who do evil. And finally, be pleased to cast out of Thy remembrance all our past offences, forgiving them in Thy boundless mercy and purifying our hearts that we may lead a better life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayers.

I.

O MERCIFUL God, Eternal Light, shining in darkness, Thou who dispellest the night of sin, and all blindness of heart; since Thou hast appointed the night for rest and the day for labor, we beseech Thee, grant that our bodies may rest in peace and quietness, that afterwards they may be able to endure the labor they must bear. Temper our sleep, that it be not disorderly, but that we may remain spotless both in body and soul, nay, that our sleep itself may be to Thy glory. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may not sleep in death. Defend us against all assaults of evil, and take us into Thy holy protection. And although we have not passed this day without having greatly sinned against Thee, we beseech Thee to hide our sins with Thy great mercy, as Thou hidest all things on earth with the darkness of the night, that we may not therefore be cast out from Thy presence. Relieve and comfort all those who are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate, and show Thy mercy to all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils

and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Use in the Sunday-School.

¶ *Prayer offered at the session of the Sunday-school will usually be extemporaneous, but, when desired, the Superintendent, or some other proper person, may use the following; the children joining audibly in the repetition of the Lord's Prayer:*

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast so tenderly cared for us during the past week, be with us now, we pray Thee, as we meet for Thy worship and the study of Thy Word. We thank Thee for this holy day, for the Bible, the Church, our homes, our friends and teachers, and for this school. Praise be to Thy Name that Jesus Christ is our friend, and that when upon earth He took children in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them. May we love Him who so truly loved us. Grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be born of Him and may live a new and holy life. Bless our school and all connected with it, and grant that we may find our eternal home with Thee in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, draw near us, we beseech Thee, and grant us Thy presence and help. We bless Thee for the mercies of the past week, for health and strength, for food and raiment, for home and friends, for the means of instruction, and for all that Thou givest us so richly to enjoy. Wilt Thou make us grateful for all Thy goodness.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to bless this our Sunday-

school and to send down upon us the good Spirit of Thy grace. Bless all the teachers and scholars; make Thy truth plain to us and impress it upon us. Have compassion upon all who disregard Thy holy day, and upon all who are living in ignorance and sin.

And now, as we study our lesson, fulfil, this day, we beseech Thee, the promise that Thy Word shall be even as the rain, and as seed in good ground. Feed our souls with the bread of Life. May we all hear the voice of Jesus our Saviour, and come unto Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and this we ask for His sake *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

¶ *It is the duty of all members of the Church who are heads of families, to assemble their households daily, and after reading a portion of God's Word, to unite with them in prayer. This may be extempore, or any of the following prayers or of those on the preceding pages, which are suitable for family worship, may be used. It is recommended that all present should join audibly in the Lord's Prayer.*

For the Morning of the Lord's Day.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy Word that there remaineth a rest for Thy people, and who hast given us a promise of entering therein; grant, we beseech Thee, that we fail not of that promise through unbelief. May we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.

Follow, we pray Thee, the worship and teaching of Thy Church this day with Thy blessing. Make Thy holy Word to be our nourishment, our guide, and our comfort. May we by it be made wise unto salvation; and do Thou, by all the means of grace, lead us onward in the way to heaven. Revive Thy people, and

turn many from the error of their ways unto Thyself.

Continue to bless this household, all who are dear to us, and all for whom we ought to pray, according to our several necessities. Bless all the families of the earth and cause them to know Thy fatherly love. Pity and relieve the sorrows of those who mourn and let the weary and heavy-laden find rest in Thee. And bring us all at last to the worship which is offered unto Thee on high; all which we ask in the name of our faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, we give all the praise, now and evermore. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

For the Evening of the Lord's Day.

O LORD, we would draw near unto Thee, with the closing of Thy day. We praise Thee for all its blessings, both at home and in Thy house. We pray for all who have worshiped Thee this day, that they may receive with us from Thy bountiful hand those temporal and spiritual blessings with which Thou enrichest Thy children. Extend everywhere Thy cause and kingdom, until all shall know Thee, from the least unto the greatest. If any have sought for Thee this day, we entreat Thee to reveal Thyself unto them. Bless Thy Word, wherever it has been taught or preached, and pardon all our sins.

And now, O our Father, we would put ourselves under the shadow of Thy wings for the coming night. Defend us from all harm. Let Thine angels encamp about us. Keep Thou us in all our ways, and bring us at length unto our Father's house in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Daily Morning Prayers.

I.

O GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being, we give Thee thanks for Thy care over us during the past night, and for the light and comforts of this morning. Give us, we pray Thee, that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

We commit ourselves to Thy love and blessing for this day. Preserve us from yielding to temptation. Keep us from sinning against Thee in word, deed, or thought. Teach us this day to do whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, and whatsoever things are of good report. We pray for all our household, for all who are dear to us, and for all whom we ought to remember in our prayers. Guide us all by Thy counsel, and afterwards receive us to glory. Confessing unto Thee our unworthiness, we ask all these things in the Name of Him who hath redeemed us with His most precious blood, to whom be glory for ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us, we pray Thee, this day from all harm, temptation, and sin. Prosper us in our lawful undertakings. In all our ways may we acknowledge Thee, and do Thou direct our paths. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Thy lovingkindness; according to the

multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

We thank Thee for our home, and pray Thee to bless us with all that we need as a family. Remember the absent who are dear to us, and bring them, together with us, unto Thy kingdom above. Make us more worthy of the loved ones whom Thou hast called to Thyself, who while they were present with us interpreted to us the beauty of holiness. Comfort all who mourn and bring all who are ignorant and out of the way to the saving knowledge of Thyself. And the glory shall be to the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

III.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast preserved us through another night and brought us in safety to the beginning of this day. Direct us now, we pray Thee, in the duties and preserve us from the dangers of the day which we have begun, and enable us in all our ways to walk worthily of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Bless all our household and those who are dear to us according to our several necessities. Let the light of Thy glorious Gospel shine upon all who know not the way of eternal life, and establish Thy kingdom throughout the whole earth; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

IV.

O THOU, who hast caused the day-spring to know his place and who turnest the shadow of death

into the morning; drive far off from us, we beseech Thee, all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep Thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done Thy will during all this day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give Thee thanks. Consecrate with Thy presence the way in which we go; turn our darkness into light and make the rough places plain. Lift us above all impatience and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a steadfast reliance on Thy holy will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that we may be one with Him, and may be accepted of Thee in the final day; for His Name's sake. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

V.

O GOD who art near us always, we thank Thee for all the good gifts with which Thou hast filled our lives: for blessings all about our path, for love that makes life beautiful, for all thoughts that uplift and gladden us, for disappointment and failure which humble us, but most of all for our hope in Thee and the fulness of joy which Thy presence brings. Let us never doubt that, having led us thus far, Thou wilt lead us to the end and wilt bring us to those joys which are for evermore at Thy right hand. Look upon all of us this morning and use us this day as Thou wilt. Grant unto us the indwelling of Thy Spirit. Send us help from above and show unto us Thy heavenly light. Cleanse us from our sins and keep us from every thought that is displeasing to Thee; that with a pure heart and a good conscience we may ever walk in the way of Thy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

VI.

O GOD, our Father, of whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named; bestow upon our household, at the beginning of this day, that grace which shall keep us in the fellowship of Thy children; and grant unto each one of us that heavenly guidance and control, in all our labors, pleasures, and trials, which shall maintain our hearts in peace with one another and with Thee. Graciously help and prosper us in the doing of our various duties, with a willing and a cheerful mind; and defend us all, by Thine almighty power, both from inward evil and from outward harm; so that, when the day is ended, it may not leave us in sorrow, strife, or shame, but in true unity and thankful rest, through Thy merciful favor and Thy forgiving love, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Daily Evening Prayers.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, we come before Thee with thanksgiving for the blessings of another day. We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

Forgive us, we beseech Thee, all our sins and shortcomings, and bless us in all the concerns of life. Do Thou minister to our necessities, multiply our comforts, prosper our right undertakings, enlarge our usefulness, and enrich us with Thy mercy. Deal gently with those who are in trouble, heal the sick, help the poor and needy, give homes to the outcast, comfort the aged, guide the young, and lead all men to know Thy salva-

tion. May all here in Thy presence be included in the covenant of Thy grace. And may all our kindred, and those whom we love, be gathered with us at last in our Father's house; through Jesus Christ, our beloved Saviour, who hath so exceedingly loved us. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

II.

THOU, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou remainest; and they shall wax old as doth a garment, and as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed, but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail. In Thee, O Lord, do we put our trust; let us never be confounded.

We thank Thee for the mercies of the past day and of our past lives, and humbly beseech Thee to forgive all our sins and to bless whatsoever we have done in accordance with Thy will. Trusting in Thy great and glorious Name, we bring to Thee our own and our family wants, praying Thee to guide, help, and bless us. Thou knowest what things we need before we ask Thee; wilt Thou therefore do for, in, and with us as Thou seest to be best. Remember in Thy mercy our friends, our Church, our country. Visit with Thy grace the homes of all who are dear to us and of all men everywhere.

Receive us now, O Lord, as we commit our souls unto Thee this night, as to our faithful Creator; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee for ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, to whose tender compassion we owe our safety in days past, together with all the comforts of this present life, and the hopes of that which is to come; we praise Thee, O God, our exceeding Joy, who daily pourest Thy benefits upon us. Grant, we beseech Thee, that Jesus our Lord, the Hope of glory, may be formed in us, in all humility, meekness, patience, contentedness, and absolute surrender of our souls and bodies to Thy holy will and pleasure. Leave us not, nor forsake us, O Father, but conduct us safe through all changes of our condition here, in an unchangeable love to Thee, and in holy tranquillity of mind in Thy love to us, till we come to dwell with Thee, and rejoice in Thee for ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

IV.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our spirits; mercifully look upon us at the close of this day and grant unto us, Thy children, that peace which the world cannot give. Refresh us with quiet sleep and may no unhallowed thoughts or cares disturb our rest. Protect us from all harm, as we put our trust in Thee. Deliver us from the vain things which have such power over us. Teach us to be contented with Thy mercies and confident of Thy loving care. Watch over all who are dear to us, wheresoever they may be this night. Have them in Thy holy keeping and turn their thoughts and hearts unto Thyself. If Thou shalt bring us to the light of a new day, may we give ourselves with fresh zeal to Thy service; and may we all rest in Thee at last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

V.

O ETERNAL God, who alone makest men to be of one mind and to dwell together in peace; help us, the members of this household, faithfully to fulfil our duties to Thee and to each other. Put far from us all unkind thoughts, anger, and evil speaking. Give us tender hearts, full of affection and sympathy toward all. Grant us grace to feel the sorrows and trials of others as our own, and to bear patiently with their imperfections. Preserve us from selfishness, and grant that, day by day, walking in love, we may grow up into the likeness of Thy blessed Son, and be found ready to meet Him, and to enter with Him into that place which He has gone to prepare for us; for His sake, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

VI.

ALMIGHTY Father, who neither slumberest nor sleepest; we humbly pray Thee to watch over us this night with the eyes of Thy mercy and over all who are near and dear to us. Grant us quiet and refreshing sleep such as may fit us for the duties of the morrow. Put far away from us all worldly cares and earthly fears, and give us holy thoughts of Thee, that we may repose in perfect peace on the everlasting arms of Thy fatherly love, and whether we wake or sleep, may live together with Him, who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

PERSONAL PRAYERS.

On Entering the House of God.

GRANT me Thy blessing, O God, as I enter Thy house. Help me to worship Thee who art a

Spirit in spirit and in truth. Deliver me from all vain thoughts and wrong desires. Speak to my soul in the preaching of Thy holy Word. And may this service be for Thy glory and for my good; for Christ's sake. Amen.

At the Close of Service.

FOLLOW this service with Thy blessing, O God, and grant me Thy grace that I may leave Thy house with a stronger desire and purpose to serve Thee in all things; for Christ's sake. Amen.

On Coming to the Lord's Table.

O THOU high and holy One, who hast prepared a table for me in the wilderness, and invitest me to partake of the feast which Thou hast spread, help me to approach Thee in that holy Sacrament with a penitent, believing, loving heart.

O my Saviour, Thou who art the Bread of Life, nourish my soul, for it needs Thy constant support. Give me right feelings in coming to Thy table. Put away from me all worldliness, and sin, and unbelief. Purify my heart. Fill me with love to Thee. I look to Thy cross for pardon, and to Thy Holy Spirit for sanctifying grace. I look to Thee as my great Helper, as my ever-present Lord and Friend.

Be with me now especially. Manifest Thyself to me in the breaking of bread. Draw nearer to me than Thou hast ever yet done, and make me to feel joy and comfort in this Thine own ordinance. Bring me to Thy banqueting-house, and may Thy banner over me be love.

O bless me, strengthen me, feed me, refresh me, both now and evermore. Amen.

THE PSALTER.

¶ THE PSALMS, *as here arranged, are intended to be read by the Minister and the People responsively, according to their original structure. The lines printed in the* Roman *letter are to be read by the Minister. The lines set inward from the margin, and printed in Italics, are to be read by the People. The lines printed in* SMALL CAPITALS *are to be read by the Minister and the People together.*

¶ *The following* PSALMS *are particularly appropriate for certain occasions.*

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Psalm 1.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
And in His law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season;
His leaf also shall not wither;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so:
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous:
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 2.

WHY do the heathen rage,
And the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the Lord and against His anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:
The Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath,
And vex them in His sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set My King
Upon My holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree:
The Lord hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son;
This day have I begotten Thee.

8 Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings:
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

Psalm 3.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me!
Many are they that rise up against me.

2 Many there be which say of my soul,
There is no help for him in God.

3 But Thou, O Lord, art a shield for me;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the Lord with my voice,
And He heard me out of His holy hill.

5 I laid me down and slept;
I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people,
That have set themselves against me round about.
7 Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God:
For Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord;
Thy blessing is upon Thy people.

Psalm 4.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress;
Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing?
3 But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for Himself:
The Lord will hear when I call unto Him.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not:
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the Lord.
6 There be many that say, Who will show us any good?
Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.
7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

8 I will both lay me down in peace and sleep.
For Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord;
Consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God:
For unto Thee will I pray.

3 My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord;
In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

4 For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:
Neither shall evil dwell with Thee.

5 The foolish shall not stand in Thy sight:
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing:
The Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into Thy house in the multitude of Thy mercy:
And in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, because of mine enemies;
Make Thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness:
Their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 Destroy Thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against Thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice;
Let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them:
Let them also that love Thy Name be joyful in Thee.

12 For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous;
With favor wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalm 6.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger,
Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak;
O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore vexed:
But Thou, O Lord, how long?

4 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul:
Oh save me for Thy mercies' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of Thee:
In the grave who shall give Thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim;
I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief;
It waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;
For the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my supplication;
The Lord will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed:
Let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm 7.

O LORD my God, in Thee do I put my trust:
Save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:
2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.
3 O Lord my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;
4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me;
(Yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy;)
5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it;
Yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honor in the dust.
6 Arise, O Lord, in Thine anger; lift up Thyself because of the rage of mine enemies:
And awake for me to the judgment that Thou hast commanded.
7 So shall the congregation of the people compass Thee about:
For their sakes, therefore, return Thou on high.
8 The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness,
And according to mine integrity that is in me.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just:
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.
10 My defence is of God,
Which saveth the upright in heart.
11 God judgeth the righteous,
And God is angry with the wicked every day.
12 If he turn not, He will whet His sword;
He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death;
He ordaineth His arrows against the persecutors.
14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief,
And brought forth falsehood.
15 He made a pit, and digged it,
And is fallen into the ditch which he made.
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.
17 I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness:
And will sing praise to the Name of the Lord most high.

Psalm 8.

O LORD our Lord,
How excellent is Thy Name in all the earth!
Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength,
Because of Thine enemies,
That Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
3 When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;
4 What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that Thou visitest him?
5 For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory and honor.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field;
8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
And whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 O Lord our Lord,
How excellent is Thy Name in all the earth!

Psalm 9.

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will show forth all Thy marvelous works.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in Thee:
I will sing praise to Thy Name, O Thou Most High.
3 When mine enemies are turned back,
They shall fall and perish at Thy presence.
4 For Thou hast maintained my right and my cause;
Thou satest in the throne judging right.
5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, Thou hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end;
And thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.
7 But the Lord shall endure for ever;
He hath prepared His throne for judgment.
8 And He shall judge the world in righteousness,
He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know Thy Name will put their trust in Thee:
For Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the people His doings.

12 When He maketh inquisition for blood, He remembereth them:
He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may show forth all Thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion:
I will rejoice in Thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The Lord is known by the judgment which He executeth:
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
The expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail:
Let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord:
That the nations may know themselves to be but men.

Psalm 10.

WHY standest Thou afar off, O Lord?
Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor:
Let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire,
And blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God:
God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; Thy judgments are far above out of his sight:
As for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved:
For I shall never be in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud:
Under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages:
In the secret places doth he murder the innocent:
His eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den:
He lieth in wait to catch the poor:
He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself,
That the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten:
He hideth his face; He will never see it.

12 Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up Thine hand:
Forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God?
He hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.
14 Thou hast seen it; for Thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with Thy hand:
The poor committeth himself unto Thee; Thou art the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break Thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man:
Seek out his wickedness till Thou find none.
16 The Lord is King for ever and ever:
The heathen are perished out of His land.
17 Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble:
Thou wilt prepare their heart, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear:
18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Psalm 11.

IN the Lord put I my trust:
How say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?
2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.
3 If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
4 The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven:
His eyes behold, His eyelids try the children of men.
5 The Lord trieth the righteous:
But the wicked, and him that loveth violence, His soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest:
This shall be the portion of their cup.
7 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness;
His countenance doth behold the upright.

Psalm 12.

HELP, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth:
For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbor:
With flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.
3 The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaketh proud things:
4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;
Our lips are our own: who is lord over us?
5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord;
I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.
6 The words of the Lord are pure words:
As silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
7 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord,
Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk on every side,
When the vilest men are exalted.

Psalm 13.

HOW long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord? for ever?
How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel of my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God:
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.
4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
5 But I have trusted in Thy mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.
6 I will sing unto the Lord,
Because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 14.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.
2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.
3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy:
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the Lord.
5 There were they in great fear:
For God is in the generation of the righteous.
6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor,
Because the Lord is his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of His people,
Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 15.

LORD, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh the truth in his heart.
3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his neighbor,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.
4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;
But he honoreth them that fear the Lord.
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
5 *He that putteth not out his money to usury,*
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 16.

PRESERVE me, O God:
For in Thee do I put my trust.
2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord:
My goodness extendeth not to thee;
3 But to the saints that are in the earth,
And to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another God:
Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take up their names into my lips.
5 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
7 I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel:
My reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
8 I have set the Lord always before me:
Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth;
My flesh also shall rest in hope.
10 For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;
Neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.
11 Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In Thy presence is fulness of joy;
At Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 17.

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
2 Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence;
Let Thine eyes behold the things that are equal.
3 Thou hast proved mine heart: Thou hast visited me in the night;
Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing:
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men,
By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.
5 Hold up my goings in Thy paths,
That my footsteps slip not.
6 I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God:
Incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
7 Show Thy marvelous lovingkindness,
O Thou that savest by Thy right hand them which put their trust in Thee,
From those that rise up against them.
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye:
Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings,
9 From the wicked that oppress me,
From my deadly enemies, who compass me about.
10 They are enclosed in their own fat;
With their mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now compassed us in our steps:
They have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;
12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
13 Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down;
Deliver my soul from the wicked, which is Thy sword:
14 From men which are Thy hand, O Lord, from men of the world,
Which have their portion in this life, and whose belly Thou fillest with Thy hid treasure:
They are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.
15 As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness:
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

Psalm 18.

I WILL love Thee, O Lord, my strength.
2 *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;*
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust:
My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
4 The sorrows of death compassed me,
And the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about:
The snares of death prevented me.
6 In my distress I called upon the Lord,
And cried unto my God:
He heard my voice out of His temple,
And my cry came before Him, even into His ears.
7 Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because He was wroth.
8 There went up a smoke out of His nostrils,
And fire out of His mouth devoured;
Coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down:
And darkness was under His feet.
10 And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
Yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness His secret place;
His pavilion round about Him were dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness that was before Him His thick clouds passed,
Hail-stones and coals of fire.
13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens,
And the Highest gave His voice;
Hail-stones and coals of fire.
14 Yea, He sent out His arrows and scattered them;
And He shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.
15 Then the channels of waters were seen,
And the foundations of the world were discovered,
At Thy rebuke, O Lord,
At the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils.
16 He sent from above, He took me,
He drew me out of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.
18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity:
But the Lord was my stay.
19 He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
22 For all His judgments were before me,
And I did not put away His statutes from me.
23 I was also upright before Him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyesight.
25 With the merciful Thou wilt show Thyself merciful;
With an upright man Thou wilt show Thyself upright;
26 With the pure Thou wilt show Thyself pure.
And with the froward Thou wilt show Thyself froward.
27 For Thou wilt save the afflicted people;
But wilt bring down high looks.
28 For Thou wilt light my candle;
The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.
29 For by Thee I have run through a troop;
And by my God have I leaped over a wall.
30 As for God, His way is perfect:
The word of the Lord is tried:
He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.
31 For who is God save the Lord?
Or who is a rock save our God?
32 It is God that girdeth me with strength,
And maketh my way perfect.
33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,
And setteth me upon my high places.
34 He teacheth my hands to war,
So that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
35 Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation:
And Thy right hand hath holden me up,
And Thy gentleness hath made me great.
36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
That my feet did not slip.

37 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them:
Neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

38 I have wounded them that they were not able to rise:
They are fallen under my feet.

39 For Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle;
Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies;
That I might destroy them that hate me.

41 They cried, but there was none to save them:
Even unto the Lord, but He answered them not.

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind:
I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;
And Thou hast made me the head of the heathen:
A people whom I have not known shall serve me.

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me:
The strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away,
And be afraid out of their close places.

46 The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

47 It is God that avengeth me,
And subdueth the people under me.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies:
Yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me:
Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

49 Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the heathen,
And sing praises unto Thy Name.
50 Great deliverance giveth He to His king;
And showeth mercy to His anointed,
To David, and to his seed for evermore.

Psalm 19.

THE heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament showeth His handywork.
2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language,
Where their voice is not heard.
4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
5 In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it:
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever:
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is Thy servant warned:
And in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 *Who can understand his errors?*
Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.
13 Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me:
Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

PSALM 20.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble;
The Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion;
3 Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt sacrifice;
4 Grant thee according to thine own heart,
And fulfil all thy counsel.
5 We will rejoice in thy salvation,
And in the Name of our God we will set up our banners:
The Lord fulfil all thy petitions.
6 Now know I that the Lord saveth His anointed:
He will hear him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.
7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:
But we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen:
But we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, Lord:
Let the King hear us when we call.

Psalm 21.

THE king shall joy in Thy strength, O Lord;
And in Thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
And hast not withholden the request of his lips.
3 For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness:
Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
4 He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it him,
Even length of days for ever and ever.
5 His glory is great in Thy salvation:
Honor and majesty hast Thou laid upon him.
6 For Thou hast made him most blessed for ever:
Thou hast made him exceeding glad with Thy countenance.
7 For the king trusteth in the Lord,
And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.
8 Thine hand shall find out all Thine enemies:
Thy right hand shall find out those that hate Thee.
9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of Thine anger:
The Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit shalt Thou destroy from the earth,
And their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended evil against Thee:
They imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.
12 Therefore shalt Thou make them turn their back,
When Thou shalt make ready Thine arrows upon Thy strings against the face of them.
13 Be Thou exalted, Lord, in Thine own strength:
So will we sing and praise Thy power.

Psalm 22.

MY God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
Why art Thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not;
And in the night season, and am not silent.
3 But Thou art holy,
O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in Thee:
They trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.
5 They cried unto Thee, and were delivered:
They trusted in Thee, and were not confounded.
6 But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn:
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
8 He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver him:
Let Him deliver him, seeing He delighted in him.
9 But Thou art He that took me out of the womb:
Thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.
10 I was cast upon Thee from the womb:
Thou art my God from my mother's belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near;
For there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me:
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
And Thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me:
They pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones:
They look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them,
And cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not Thou far from me, O Lord:
O my strength, haste Thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
My darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth:
For Thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare Thy Name unto my brethren:
In the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him;
All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him;
And fear Him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Neither hath He hid His face from him;
But when he cried unto Him, He heard.

25 My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows before them that fear Him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied:
They shall praise the Lord that seek Him:
Your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord:
And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
And He is the governor among the nations.

29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship:
All they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him:
And none can keep alive his own soul.

30 A seed shall serve Him;
It shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

31 They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born,
That He hath done this.

Psalm 23.

THE Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 24.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:
The world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For He hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in His holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that seek Him,
That seek Thy face, O Jacob.
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Psalm 25.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in Thee:
Let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed:
Let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 Show me Thy ways, O Lord;
Teach me Thy paths.

5 Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me; for Thou art the God of my salvation;
On Thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy lovingkindnesses;
For they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
According to Thy mercy remember Thou me, for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

8 Good and upright is the Lord:
Therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will He guide in judgment;
And the meek will He teach His way.

10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
Unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

11 For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity;
For it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord?
Him shall He teach in the way that He shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease;
And his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him;
And He will show them His covenant.

15 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord;
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged:
Oh bring Thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain;
And forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.

20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed;
For I put my trust in Thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on Thee.

22 *Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

Psalm 26.

JUDGE me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity;
I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide.
2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me;
Try my reins and my heart.
3 For Thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes;
And I have walked in Thy truth.
4 I have not sat with vain persons,
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers;
And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash mine hands in innocency:
So will I compass Thine altar, O Lord:
7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all Thy wondrous works.
8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house,
And the place where Thine honor dwelleth.
9 Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloody men:
10 In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth in an even place:
In the congregations will I bless the Lord.

Psalm 27.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
They stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion:
In the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me;
He shall set me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me:
Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face;
My heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

9 Hide not Thy face far from me; put not Thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

10 When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then the Lord will take me up.

11 Teach me Thy way, O Lord,
And lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies:
For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
14 *Wait on the Lord:*
Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart:
Wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psalm 28.

UNTO Thee will I cry, O Lord my rock; be not silent to me:
Lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto Thee,
When I lift up my hands toward Thy holy oracle.
3 Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity,
Which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors:
Give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert.
5 Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of His hands,
He shall destroy them, and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the Lord,
Because He hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7 The Lord is my strength, and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him.
8 The Lord is their strength,
And He is the saving strength of His anointed.
9 Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance:
Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Psalm 29.

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye mighty,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.
2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name:
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
The God of glory thundereth:
The Lord is upon many waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars:
Yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.
8 The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness;
The Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests:
And in His temple doth every one speak of His glory.

10 The Lord sitteth upon the flood;
Yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.
11 The Lord will give strength unto His people:
The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Psalm 30.

I WILL extol Thee, O Lord; for Thou hast lifted me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
2 O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee,
And Thou hast healed me.
3 O Lord, Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave:
Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
4 Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.
5 For His anger endureth but a moment;
In His favor is life:
Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
6 And in my prosperity I said,
I shall never be moved.
7 Lord, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong:
Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled.
8 I cried to Thee, O Lord;
And unto the Lord I made supplication.
9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise Thee? shall it declare Thy truth?

10 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:
Lord, be Thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:
Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent.
O Lord, my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

Psalm 31.

IN Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:
Deliver me in Thy righteousness.

2 Bow down Thine ear to me; deliver me speedily:
Be Thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.

3 For Thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me:
For Thou art my strength.

5 Into Thine hand I commit my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities:
But I trust in the Lord.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy:
For Thou hast considered my trouble;
Thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy:
Thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
Mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.
10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing:
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.
11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies,
But especially among my neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance:
They that did see me without fled from me.
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
I am like a broken vessel.
13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side:
While they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life.
14 But I trusted in Thee, O Lord:
I said, Thou art my God.
15 My times are in Thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,
And from them that persecute me.
16 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant:
Save me for Thy mercies' sake.
17 Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon thee:
Let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.
18 Let the lying lips be put to silence;
Which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.
19 Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee;
Which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men!

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence from the pride of man:
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the Lord:
For He hath showed me His marvelous kindness in a strong city.

22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Thine eyes:
Nevertheless Thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto Thee.

23 O love the Lord, all ye His saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,
All ye that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 32.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 *For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me:*
My moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

5 *I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.*
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord;
And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found:
Surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble;
Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will guide thee with Mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:
Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:
But he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous:
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm 33.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous:
For praise is comely for the upright.

2 Praise the Lord with harp:
Sing unto Him with the psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto Him a new song:
Play skilfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the Lord is right;
And all His works are done in truth.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment:
The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made;
And all the hosts of them by the breath of His mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap:
He layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord:
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

9 For He spake, and it was done:
He commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:
He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever,
The thoughts of His heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;
And the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

13 The Lord looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of His habitation He looketh
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike;
He considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host:
A mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety:
Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him,
Upon them that hope in His mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the Lord:
He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy Name.

22 Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we hope in Thee.

Psalm 34.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:
The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto Him, and were lightened:
And their faces were not ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him,
And delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

9 O fear the Lord, ye His saints:
For there is no want to them that fear Him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger:
But they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that desireth life,
And loveth many days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And His ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against them that do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth,
And delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart:
And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous:
But the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones:
Not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked:
And they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants;
And none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Psalm 35.

PLEAD my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me:
Fight against them that fight against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me:
Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul:
Let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind:
And let the angel of the Lord chase them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery:
And let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit,
Which without cause they have digged for my soul.

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself:
Into that very destruction let him fall.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord:
It shall rejoice in His salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto Thee,
Which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

11 False witnesses did rise up;
They laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul.

13 *But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth:*

I humbled my soul with fasting;
And my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
14 I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother:
I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.
15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced,
And gathered themselves together:
Yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not;
They did tear me, and ceased not:
16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts,
They gnashed upon me with their teeth.
17 Lord, how long wilt Thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.
18 I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation:
I will praise Thee among much people.
19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me:
Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.
20 For they speak not peace:
But they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.
21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me,
And said, Aha, aha! our eye hath seen it.
22 This Thou hast seen, O Lord: keep not silence:
O Lord, be not far from me.
23 Stir up Thyself, and awake to my judgment,
Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.
24 Judge me, O Lord, my God, according to Thy righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it:
Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.
26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt:
Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me.
27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause:
Yea, let them say continually,
Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.
28 And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness
And of Thy praise all the day long.

Psalm 36.

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart,
That there is no fear of God before his eyes.
2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,
Until his iniquity be found to be hateful.
3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit:
He hath left off to be wise, and to do good.
4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed;
He setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.
5 Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens:
And Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
6 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains:
Thy judgments are a great deep:
O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.
7 How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God!
Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house;
And Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.

9 For with Thee is the fountain of life:
In Thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee:
And Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen:
They are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm 37.

FRET not thyself because of evildoers,
Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the Lord and do good:
So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the Lord;
And He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord;
Trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

6 And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light,
And thy judgment as the noonday.

7 Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him:
Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,
Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:
Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
9 For evildoers shall be cut off:
But those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.
10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:
Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth;
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
12 The wicked plotteth against the just,
And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
13 The Lord shall laugh at him:
For He seeth that his day is coming.
14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.
15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.
16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.
17 *For the arms of the wicked shall be broken:*
But the Lord upholdeth the righteous.
18 The Lord knoweth the days of the upright:
And their inheritance shall be for ever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time:
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs:
They shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again:
But the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth.
22 For such as be blessed of Him shall inherit the earth;
And they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off.
23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord:
And he delighteth in His way.
24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:
For the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.
25 I have been young, and now am old;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth;
And his seed is blessed.
27 Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell for evermore.
28 For the Lord loveth judgment,
And forsaketh not His saints;
They are preserved for ever:
But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell therein for ever.
30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom,
And his tongue talketh of judgment.
31 The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.
32 The wicked watcheth the righteous,
And seeketh to slay him.
33 The Lord will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the Lord, and keep His way,
And He shall exalt thee to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off thou shalt see it.
35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a green bay tree.
36 Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not:
Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright;
For the end of that man is peace.
38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together:
The end of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord:
He is their strength in the time of trouble.
40 And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them:
He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them,
Because they trust in Him.

Psalm 38.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy wrath:
Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
2 For Thine arrows stick fast in me,
And Thy hand presseth me sore.
3 There is no soundness in my flesh, because of Thine anger;
Neither is there any rest in my bones, because of my sin.
4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head:
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
5 My wounds stink and are corrupt, because of my foolishness.
6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease:
And there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am feeble and sore broken:
I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before Thee;
And my groaning is not hid from Thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me:
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me;
And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
And imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not;
And I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope:
Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me:
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17 For I am ready to halt,
And my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong:
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries;
Because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord;
O my God, be not far from me.
22 *Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.*

PSALM 39.

I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue:
I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence: I held my peace, even from good;
And my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned:
Then spake I with my tongue:

4 Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is;
That I may know how frail I am.

5 Behold, Thou hast made my days as a handbreadth;
And mine age is as nothing before Thee:
Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

6 Surely every man walketh in a vain show:
Surely they are disquieted in vain:
He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for?
My hope is in Thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;
Because Thou didst it.

10 Remove Thy stroke away from me:
I am consumed by the blow of Thine hand.

11 When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity,
Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth:
Surely every man is vanity.

12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry;
Hold not Thy peace at my tears:
For I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner,
As all my fathers were.

13 O spare me, that I may recover strength,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm 40.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord;
And He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust,
And respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done,
And Thy thoughts which are to us-ward:

They cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee:
If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire; mine ears hast Thou opened:
Burnt offering and sin offering hast Thou not required.
7 Then said I, Lo, I come:
In the volume of the book it is written of me,
8 I delight to do Thy will, O my God:
Yea, Thy law is within my heart.
9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation:
I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, Thou knowest.
10 I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation:
I have not concealed Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth from the great congregation.
11 Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from me, O Lord:
Let Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth continually preserve me.
12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about:
Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of mine head:
Therefore my heart faileth me.
13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:
O Lord, make haste to help me.
14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul, to destroy it;
Let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame,
that say unto me, Aha, aha.
16 *Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee:*
Let such as love Thy salvation say continually,
The Lord be magnified.
17 But I am poor and needy;
Yet the Lord thinketh upon me:
Thou art my helper and my deliverer:
Make no tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 41.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor:
The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
2 The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive,
and he shall be blessed upon the earth:
And Thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.
3 The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing:
Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
4 I said, Lord, be merciful unto me:
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.
5 Mine enemies speak evil of me;
When shall he die, and his name perish?
6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity:
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself;
When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
7 All that hate me, whisper together against me:
Against me do they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him:
And now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.

10 But Thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up,
That I may requite them.

11 By this I know that Thou favorest me,
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, Thou upholdest me in mine integrity,
And settest me before Thy face for ever.

13 BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL,
FROM EVERLASTING, AND TO EVERLASTING. AMEN AND AMEN.

PSALM 42.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
When shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things I pour out my soul in me:
For I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God.
With the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him, for the help of His countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember Thee,
From the land of Jordan and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy waterspouts:
All Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me.
8 Yet the Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.
9 I will say unto God, my rock, Why hast Thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning, because of the oppression of the enemy?
10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me;
While they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?
11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him,
WHO IS THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTENANCE, AND MY GOD.

PSALM 43.

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation:
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
2 For Thou art the God of my strength: why dost Thou cast me off?
Why go I mourning, because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me;
Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles;
4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:
Yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God, my God.
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope in God: for I shall yet praise Him,
WHO IS THE HEALTH OF MY COUNTENANCE, AND MY GOD.

PSALM 44.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us,
What work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
2 How Thou didst drive out the heathen with Thy hand, and plantedst them;
How Thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword,
Neither did their own arm save them:
But Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance,
Because Thou hadst a favor unto them.
4 Thou art my King, O God:
Command deliverance for Jacob.
5 Through Thee will we push down our enemies:
Through Thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Neither shall my sword save me.
7 But Thou hast saved us from our enemies,
And hast put them to shame that hated us.
8 In God we boast all the day long,
And praise Thy Name for ever.
9 But Thou hast cast off, and put us to shame;
And goest not forth with our armies.
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy:
And they which hate us spoil for themselves.
11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat;
And hast scattered us among the heathen.
12 Thou sellest Thy people for nought,
And dost not increase Thy wealth by their price.
13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.
14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen,
A shaking of the head among the people.
15 My confusion is continually before me,
And the shame of my face hath covered me.
16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth;
By reason of the enemy and avenger.
17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten Thee,
Neither have we dealt falsely in Thy covenant.
18 Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined from Thy way;
19 Though Thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons,
And covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the Name of our God,
Or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out?
For He knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for Thy sake are we killed all the day long;
We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?
Arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:
Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help,
And redeem us for Thy mercies' sake.

Psalm 45.

MY heart is inditing a good matter:
I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men:
Grace is poured into thy lips:
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty,
With thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness;
And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;
Whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:
The sceptre of Thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia,
Out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters were among thy honorable women:
Upon thy right hand did stand the queen, in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear:
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty:
For he is thy lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift;
Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.

13 The king's daughter is all glorious within:
Her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework:
The virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought;
They shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
Whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM 46.

GOD is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.
4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God;
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, and that right early.
6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.
8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
What desolations He hath made in the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth:
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 47.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For the Lord most high is terrible:
He is a great King over all the earth.
3 He shall subdue the people under us,
And the nations under our feet.
4 He shall choose our inheritance for us,
The excellency of Jacob whom He loved.
5 God is gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises:
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
9 The princes of the people are gathered together,
Even the people of the God of Abraham:
For the shields of the earth belong unto God:
He is greatly exalted.

Psalm 48.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.
2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion,
On the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
4 *For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.*

5 They saw it, and so they marveled;
They were troubled, and hasted away.
6 Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.
7 *Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.*
8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God:
God will establish it for ever.
9 We have thought of Thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of Thy temple.
10 According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth:
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let Mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her:
Tell the towers thereof.
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces:
That ye may tell it to the generation following.
14 For this God is our God for ever and ever:
He will be our guide, even unto death.

Psalm 49.

HEAR this, all ye people;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:
2 Both low and high,
Rich and poor, together.
3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable:
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?
6 They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him:
8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)
9 *That he should still live for ever and not see corruption.*
10 For He seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever,
And their dwelling-places to all generations:
They call their lands after their own names.
12 Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not:
He is like the beasts that perish.
13 This their way is their folly:
Yet their posterity approve their sayings.
14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave;
Death shall feed on them;
And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
And their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.
15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave:
For He shall receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased.
17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away:
His glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul,
(*And men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,*)
19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They shall never see light.
20 Man that is in honor, and understandeth not,
Is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM 50.

THE mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken,
And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence:
A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very tempestuous round about Him.
4 He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His people.
5 Gather My saints together unto Me:
Those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
6 And the heavens shall declare His righteousness:
For God is judge Himself.
7 Hear, O My people, and I will speak;
O Israel, and I will testify against thee:
I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings,
To have been continually before Me.
9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he goats out of thy folds:
10 For every beast of the forest is Mine,
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
11 I know all the fowls of the mountains:
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee;
For the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof.
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer unto God thanksgiving;
And pay thy vows unto the Most High:
15 And call upon Me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.
16 But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare My statutes,
Or that thou shouldest take My covenant in thy mouth?
17 Seeing thou hatest instruction,
And castest My words behind thee.
18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him,
And hast been partaker with adulterers.
19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit.
20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother;
Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence;
Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such a one as thyself:

But I will reprove thee,
And set them in order before thine eyes.
22 Now consider this, ye that forget God,
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.
23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me:
And to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

PSALM 51.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness:
According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.
4 Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Thy sight:
That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest,
And be clear when Thou judgest.
5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold Thou desirest truth in the inward parts:
And in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide Thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
13 Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.
14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation;
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.
15 O Lord, open Thou my lips;
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
16 For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it:
Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
18 Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering:
Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Psalm 52.

WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man?
The goodness of God endureth continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs;
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
3 Thou lovest evil more than good;
And lying rather than to speak righteousness.
4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.
5 *God shall likewise destroy thee for ever:*
He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling-place,
And root thee out of the land of the living.
6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:
7 *Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength;*
But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.
8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
9 I will praise Thee for ever, because Thou hast done it:
And I will wait on Thy Name; for it is good before Thy saints.

Psalm 53.

THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity:
There is none that doeth good.
2 *God looked down from heaven upon the children of men,*
To see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
3 *Every one of them is gone back:*

They are altogether become filthy;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread:
They have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was:
For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee:
Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When God bringeth back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 54.

SAVE me, O God, by Thy Name,
And judge me by Thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God,
Give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul.
They have not set God before them.

4 Behold, God is mine helper:
The Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:
Cut them off in Thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto Thee:
I will praise Thy Name, O Lord; for it is good.

7 For He hath delivered me out of all trouble:
And mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Psalm 55.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God;
And hide not Thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me and hear me:
I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked:
For they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me:
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!
For then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off,
And remain in the wilderness.

8 I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues:
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:
Mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof:
Deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it:
Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.
14 *We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.*
15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell:
For wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.
16 As for me, I will call upon God;
And the Lord shall save me.
17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud:
And He shall hear my voice.
18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me:
For there were many with me.
19 God shall hear, and afflict them,
Even He that abideth of old.
Because they have no changes,
Therefore they fear not God.
20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him:
He hath broken his covenant.
21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart:
His words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.
22 Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee:
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
23 But Thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction:
Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;
BUT I WILL TRUST IN THEE.

Psalm 56.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up;
He fighting daily oppresseth me.
2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up:
For they be many that fight against me, O Thou Most High.
3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.
4 *In God I will praise His word;*
In God I have put my trust;
I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
5 Every day they wrest my words:
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves,
They mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity?
In Thine anger cast down the people, O God.
8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put Thou my tears into Thy bottle:
Are they not in Thy book?
9 When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back:
This I know; for God is for me.
10 In God will I praise His word:
In the Lord will I praise His word.
11 In God have I put my trust:
I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
12 Thy vows are upon me, O God:
I will render praises unto Thee.
13 For Thou hast delivered my soul from death:
Wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me:
For my soul trusteth in Thee:
Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge,
Until these calamities be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God most high;
Unto God that performeth all things for me.
3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up.
God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.
4 My soul is among lions:
And I lie even among them that are set on fire,
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
5 Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.
6 They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me,
Into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.
7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and give praise.
8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
9 I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing unto Thee among the nations.
10 For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And Thy truth unto the clouds.
11 Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation.
Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;
Ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:
They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.
4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:
They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear:
5 *Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.*
6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:
Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.
7 Let them melt away as waters which run continually:
When he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.
8 As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away:
Like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun.
9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, He shall take them away as with a whirlwind,
Both living, and in His wrath.
10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:
He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous:
Verily He is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Psalm 59.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God:
Defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me;
Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault:
Awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou, therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen:
Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors.

6 They return at evening:
They make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips:
For who, say they, doth hear?

8 But Thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them;
Thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 Because of his strength will I wait upon Thee:
For God is my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me:
God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies:

11 Slay them not, lest My people forget: scatter them by Thy power;
And bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride:
And for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be:
And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth.

14 And at evening let them return:
And let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat,
And grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning:
For Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing:
For God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

Psalm 60.

O GOD, Thou hast cast us off, Thou hast scattered us, Thou hast been displeased;
O turn Thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; Thou hast broken it:
Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed Thy people hard things:
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee,
That it may be displayed because of the truth.

5 That Thy beloved may be delivered;
Save with Thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice,
I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine:
Ephraim also is the strength of mine head;
Judah is my lawgiver;

8 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe:
Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city?
Who will lead me into Edom?

10 Wilt not Thou, O God, which hadst cast us off?
And Thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trouble:
For vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly:
For He it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 61.

HEAR my cry, O God;
Attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For Thou hast been a shelter for me,
And a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever:
I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.

5 For Thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear Thy Name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
And his years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever:
O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto Thy Name for ever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM 62.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God:
From Him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? Ye shall be slain all of you:
As a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence.

4 They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies:
They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.

5 My soul, wait thou only upon God;
For my expectation is from Him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

7 In God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him:
God is a refuge for us.

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie:
To be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery:
If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this:
That power belongeth unto God.

12 Also unto Thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy:
For Thou renderest to every man according to his work.

Psalm 63.

O GOD, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee:
My soul thirsteth for Thee,
My flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

2 To see Thy power and Thy glory,
So as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

3 Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise Thee.

4 Thus will I bless Thee while I live:
I will lift up my hands in Thy Name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness;
And my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips:

6 When I remember Thee upon my bed,
And meditate on Thee in the night watches.

7 Because Thou hast been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after Thee:
Thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul to destroy it,
Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 They shall fall by the sword:
They shall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
Every one that sweareth by Him shall glory:
But the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64.

HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer:
Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked;
From the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 Who whet their tongue like a sword,
And bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words;

4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect:
Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter; they commune of laying snares privily;
They say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities: they accomplish a diligent search;
Both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow;
Suddenly shall they be wounded.

8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves;
All that see them shall flee away.

9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God;
For they shall wisely consider of His doing.

10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in Him;
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

Psalm 65.

PRAISE waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion:
And unto Thee shall the vow be performed.
2 O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.
3 *Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away.*
4 Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest,
And causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts:
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.
5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt Thou answer us, O God of our salvation;
Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.
6 Which by His strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:
7 *Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.*
8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at Thy tokens:
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it:
Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God,
Which is full of water:
Thou preparest them corn, when Thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly;
Thou settlest the furrows thereof:
Thou makest it soft with showers; Thou blessest the springing thereof.
11 Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness;
And Thy paths drop fatness.
12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness;
And the little hills rejoice on every side.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm 66.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.
2 *Sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.*
3 Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works!
Through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.
4 All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee;
They shall sing to Thy Name.
5 Come and see the works of God:
He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot:
There did we rejoice in Him.
7 He ruleth by His power for ever; His eyes behold the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
8 O bless our God, ye people,
And make the voice of His praise to be heard:

9 Which holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
10 For Thou, O God, hast proved us:
Thou hast tried us as silver is tried.
11 Thou broughtest us into the net;
Thou laidest affliction on our loins.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water:
But Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
13 I will go into Thy house with burnt offerings:
I will pay Thee my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered,
And my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.
15 I will offer unto Thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams:
I will offer bullocks with goats.
16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God,
And I will declare what He hath done for my soul.
17 I cried unto Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my tongue.
18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear me:
19 But verily God hath heard me;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer,
Nor His mercy from me.

Psalm 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us:
And cause His face to shine upon us.
2 That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise Thee, O God,
Let all the people praise Thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise Thee, O God,
Let all the people praise Thee.

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase;
And God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7 GOD SHALL BLESS US; AND ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH SHALL FEAR HIM.

PSALM 68.

LET God arise, let His enemies be scattered:
Let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:
As wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice before God:
Yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to His Name:
Extol Him that rideth upon the heavens,
By His Name JAH, and rejoice before Him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families:
He bringeth out those which are bound with chains:
But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

7 O God, when Thou wentest forth before Thy people,
When Thou didst march through the wilderness;

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God;
Even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,
Whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein:
Thou, O God, hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word:
Great was the company of those that published it.

12 Kings of armies did flee apace:
And she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it,
It was white as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan;
A high hill, as the hill of Bashan.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in;
Yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels:
The Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

18 Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive:
Thou hast received gifts for men;
Yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits,
Even the God of our salvation.

20 He that is our God is the God of salvation;
And unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

21 But God shall wound the head of His enemies,
And the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan;
I will bring My people again from the depths of the sea:

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies,
And the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen Thy goings, O God:
Even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after:
Among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
Even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler,
The princes of Judah and their council,
The princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of Thy temple at Jerusalem
Shall kings bring presents unto Thee.

30 Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people,
Till every one submit himself with pieces of silver:
Scatter Thou the people that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;
Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
O sing praise unto the Lord;

33 To Him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old;
Lo, He doth send out His voice, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:
His excellency is over Israel, and His strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, Thou art terrible out of Thy holy places:
The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people.

BLESSED BE GOD.

PSALM 69.

SAVE me, O God;
For the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing:
I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried:
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head:
They that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty:
Then I restored that which I took not away.

5 O God, Thou knowest my foolishness;
And my sins are not hid from Thee.

6 Let not them that wait on Thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake:
Let not those that seek Thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach;
Shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren,
And an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For the zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up;
And the reproaches of them that reproached Thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting,
That was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment;
And I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me:
And I was the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto Thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time:
O God, in the multitude of Thy mercy hear me, in the truth of Thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink:
Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up,
And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O Lord; for Thy lovingkindness is good:
Turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

17 And hide not Thy face from Thy servant;
For I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:
Deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor:
Mine adversaries are all before Thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart;
And I am full of heaviness:
And I looked for some to take pity, but there was none;
And for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table become a snare before them:
And that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not;
And make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out Thine indignation upon them,
And let Thy wrathful anger take hold of them.

25 Let their habitation be desolate;
And let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute him whom Thou hast smitten;
And they talk to the grief of those whom Thou hast wounded.

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity:
And let them not come into Thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,
And not be written with the righteous.

29 But I am poor and sorrowful:
Let Thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the Name of God with song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

31 *This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.*

32 The humble shall see this, and be glad:
And your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the Lord heareth the poor,
And despiseth not His prisoners.

34 Let the heaven and earth praise Him,
The seas, and everything that moveth therein.

35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah:
That they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 The seed also of His servants shall inherit it:
And they that love His Name shall dwell therein.

Psalm 70.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O Lord.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul:
Let them be turned backward and put to confufusion that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

4 *Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee:*
And let such as love Thy salvation say continually,
Let God be magnified.

5 But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God:
Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

Psalm 71.

IN Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:
Let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and cause me to escape:
Incline Thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort:
Thou hast given commandment to save me:
For Thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For Thou art my hope, O Lord God:
Thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By Thee have I been holden up from the womb:
Thou art He that took me out of my mother's bowels:
My praise shall be continually of Thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many; but Thou art my strong refuge.
8 *Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honor all the day.*

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me;
And they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him;
For there is none to deliver him.

12 O God, be not far from me:
O my God, make haste for my help.

13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul;
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually,
And will yet praise Thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall show forth Thy righteousness and Thy salvation all the day;
For I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord God:
I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.

17 O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth:
And hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works.

18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not;
Until I have showed Thy strength unto this generation,
And Thy power to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things;
O God, who is like unto Thee!

20 Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again,
And shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness,
And comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise Thee with the psaltery; even Thy truth, O my God:
Unto Thee will I sing with the harp, O Thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee;
And my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of Thy righteousness all the day long:
For they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Psalm 72.

GIVE the king Thy judgments, O God,
And Thy righteousness unto the king's son.

2 He shall judge Thy people with righteousness,
And Thy poor with judgment.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people,
And the little hills by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people,
He shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

5 They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass;
As showers that water the earth.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish;
And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents:
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him:
All nations shall serve him.
12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth;
The poor also, and him that hath no helper.
13 He shall spare the poor and needy,
And shall save the souls of the needy.
14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence:
And precious shall their blood be in his sight.
15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba:
Prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised.
16 There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains;
The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:
And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun:
And men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.
18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things.
19 And blessed be His glorious Name for ever:
And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
AMEN, AND AMEN.
20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

Psalm 73.

TRULY God is good to Israel,
Even to such as are of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone;
My steps had well nigh slipped.

3 For I was envious at the foolish,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no bands in their death:
But their strength is firm.

5 They are not in trouble as other men;
Neither are they plagued like other men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain;
Violence covereth them as a garment.

7 Their eyes stand out with fatness:
They have more than heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression:
They speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore His people return hither:
And waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, How doth God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?

12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world;
They increase in riches.

13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain,
And washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued,
And chastened every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend
against the generation of Thy children.
16 *When I thought to know this, it was too painful*
for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
Then understood I their end.
18 Surely Thou didst set them in slippery places:
Thou castedst them down into destruction.
19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a mo-
ment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when
Thou awakest, Thou shalt despise their
image.
21 *Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in*
my reins.
22 So foolish was I, and ignorant:
I was as a beast before Thee.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with Thee:
Thou hast holden me by my right hand.
24 Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
And there is none upon earth that I desire beside
Thee.
26 My flesh and my heart faileth:
But God is the strength of my heart, and my por-
tion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from Thee shall perish:
Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring
from Thee.
28 But it is good for me to draw near to God:
I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may
declare all Thy works.

Psalm 74.

O GOD, why hast Thou cast us off for ever?
Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?

2 Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old;
The rod of Thine inheritance, which Thou hast redeemed:
This mount Zion, wherein Thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up Thy feet unto the perpetual desolations;
Even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of Thy congregations;
They set up their ensigns for signs.

5 A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 *But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.*

7 They have cast fire into Thy sanctuary,
They have defiled by casting down the dwelling-place of Thy Name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together:
They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet:
Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach?
Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy Name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou Thy hand, even Thy right hand? Pluck it out of Thy bosom.
12 *For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.*
13 Thou didst divide the sea by Thy strength:
Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces,
And gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood:
Thou driedst up mighty rivers.
16 The day is Thine, the night also is Thine:
Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:
Thou hast made summer and winter.
18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord,
And that the foolish people have blasphemed Thy Name.
19 O deliver not the soul of Thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the wicked:
Forget not the congregation of Thy poor for ever.
20 Have respect unto the covenant:
For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.
21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed:
Let the poor and needy praise Thy Name.
22 Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause:
Remember how the foolish man reproacheth Thee daily.
23 Forget not the voice of Thine enemies:
The tumult of those that rise up against Thee increaseth continually.

Psalm 75.

UNTO Thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto Thee
do we give thanks:
For that Thy Name is near, Thy wondrous works
declare.
2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge
uprightly.
3 *The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dis-*
solved: I bear up the pillars of it.
4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly:
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:
5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a
stiff neck.
6 *For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor*
from the west, nor from the south.
7 But God is the judge:
He putteth down one, and setteth up another.
8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the
wine is red;
It is full of mixture;
And He poureth out of the same:
But the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth
shall wring them out, and drink them.
9 But I will declare for ever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Psalm 76.

IN Judah is God known:
His Name is great in Israel.
2 In Salem also is His tabernacle,
And His dwelling-place in Zion.

3 There brake He the arrows of the bow,
The shield, and the sword, and the battle.
4 Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey.
5 The stouthearted are spoiled,
They have slept their sleep:
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
6 At Thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, even Thou, art to be feared:
And who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven;
The earth feared, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment,
To save all the meek of the earth.
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee:
The remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.
11 Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God:
Let all that be round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared.
12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes:
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

Psalm 77.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice;
And He gave ear unto me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not:
My soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled:
I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.
4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.
7 Will the Lord cast off for ever?
And will He be favorable no more?
8 Is His mercy clean gone for ever?
Doth His promise fail for evermore?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies?
10 And I said, this is my infirmity:
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.
11 I will remember the works of the Lord:
Surely I will remember Thy wonders of old.
12 I will meditate also of all Thy work,
And talk of Thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
Who is so great a God as our God?
14 Thou art the God that doest wonders;
Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people.
15 Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.
16 The waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee;
They were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound:
Thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of Thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world:
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters,
And Thy footsteps are not known.
20 Thou leddest Thy people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 78.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my law:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable:
I will utter dark sayings of old:
3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children,
Showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength,
And His wonderful works that He hath done.
5 For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children:
6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born;
Who should arise and declare them to their children:
7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments:
8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation;

A generation that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in His law;

11 And forgat His works,
And His wonders that He had showed them,

12 Marvelous things did He in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And He made the waters to stand as a heap.

14 In the daytime also He led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against Him
By provoking the Most High in the wilderness.

18 And they tempted God in their heart
By asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God;
They said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, He smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed;
Can He give bread also? can He provide flesh for His people?

21 Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth:
So a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in His salvation:

23 Though He had commanded the clouds from above,
And opened the doors of heaven,

24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat,
And had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 Man did eat angels' food:
He sent them meat to the full.

26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven:
And by His power He brought in the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust,
And feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:

28 And He let it fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled:
For He gave them their own desire.

30 They were not estranged from their lust:
But while their meat was yet in their mouths,

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them,
And smote down the chosen men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not for His wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did He consume in vanity,
And their years in trouble.

34 When He slew them, then they sought Him:
And they returned and inquired early after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
And the high God their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did flatter Him with their mouth,
And they lied unto Him with their tongues.
37 For their heart was not right with Him,
Neither were they steadfast in His covenant.
38 But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not:
Yea, many a time turned He His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath.
39 For He remembered that they were but flesh;
A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they provoke Him in the wilderness,
And grieve Him in the desert!
41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not His hand,
Nor the day when He delivered them from the enemy:
43 How He had wrought His signs in Egypt,
And His wonders in the field of Zoan:
44 And had turned their rivers into blood;
And their floods, that they could not drink.
45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
And their labor unto the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of His anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

50 He made a way to His anger; He spared not their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence:
51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt;
The chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham:
52 But made His own people to go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And He led them on safely, so that they feared not:
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And He brought them to the border of His sanctuary,
Even to this mountain, which His right hand had purchased.
55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line,
And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God,
And kept not His testimonies:
57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers:
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked Him to anger with their high places,
And moved Him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 When God heard this, He was wroth,
And greatly abhorred Israel:
60 So that He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent which He placed among men;
61 And delivered His strength into captivity,
And His glory into the enemy's hand.

62 He gave His people over also unto the sword,
And was wroth with His inheritance.
63 The fire consumed their young men;
And their maidens were not given to marriage.
64 Their priests fell by the sword;
And their widows made no lamentation.
65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,
And like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
66 And He smote His enemies in the hinder parts:
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover He refused the tabernacle of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim:
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
The mount Zion which He loved.
69 And He built His sanctuary like high palaces,
Like the earth which He hath established for ever.
70 He chose David also His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds:
71 From following the ewes great with young, He brought him to feed Jacob His people,
And Israel His inheritance.
72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart;
And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Psalm 79.

O GOD, the heathen are come into Thine inheritance; Thy holy temple have they defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
2 The dead bodies of Thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven,
The flesh of Thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem;
And there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, Lord? wilt Thou be angry for ever?
Shall Thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out Thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known Thee,
And upon the kingdoms that have not called upon Thy Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his dwelling-place.

8 O remember not against us former iniquities:
Let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name:
And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is their God?
Let Him be known among the heathen in our sight
By the revenging of the blood of Thy servants which is shed.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee;
According to the greatness of Thy power preserve Thou those that are appointed to die;

12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach,
Wherewith they have reproached Thee, O Lord.

13 So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks for ever:
We will show forth Thy praise to all generations.

PSALM 80.

GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up Thy strength,
And come and save us.

3 Turn us again, O God,
And cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts,
How long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears;
And givest them tears to drink in great measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors:
And our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts,
And cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt:
Thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it,
And didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it,
And the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea,
And her branches unto the river.
12 Why hast Thou then broken down her hedges,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?
13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it,
And the wild beast of the field doth devour it.
14 Return, we beseech Thee, O God of hosts:
Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;
15 And the vineyard which Thy right hand hath planted,
And the branch that Thou madest strong for Thyself.
16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:
They perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance.
17 Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom Thou madest strong for Thyself.
18 So will not we go back from Thee:
Quicken us, and we will call upon Thy Name.
19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts,
Cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalm 81.

SING aloud unto God our strength;
Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
In the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
4 For this was a statute for Israel,
And a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This He ordained in Joseph for a testimony,
when he went out through the land of
Egypt:
Where I heard a language that I understood
not.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden:
His hands were delivered from the pots.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee:
I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I
proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

8 Hear, O My people, and I will testify unto thee;
O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto Me;

9 There shall no strange god be in thee:
Neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of
the land of Egypt:
Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But My people would not hearken to My voice;
And Israel would none of Me.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust:
And they walked in their own counsels.

13 Oh that My people had hearkened unto Me,
And Israel had walked in My ways!

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies,
And turned My hand against their adversa-
ries.

15 The haters of the Lord should have submitted
themselves unto Him:
But their time should have endured for ever.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of
the wheat:
And with honey out of the rock should I have sat-
isfied thee.

Psalm 82.

GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty:
He judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
And accept the persons of the wicked?

3 Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy:
Rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand: they walk on in darkness:
All the foundations of the earth are out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are gods;
And all of you are children of the Most High.

7 But ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth:
For Thou shalt inherit all nations.

Psalm 83.

KEEP not Thou silence, O God:
Hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For, lo, Thine enemies make a tumult:
And they that hate Thee have lifted up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against Thy people,
And consulted against Thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;
That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent:
They are confederate against Thee:

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites:
Of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek:
The Philistines, with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8 Assur also is joined with them:
They have holpen the children of Lot.
9 Do unto them as unto the Midianites;
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
10 Which perished at En-dor:
They became as dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb:
Yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.
13 *O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.*
14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
15 *So persecute them with Thy tempest, and make them afraid with Thy storm.*
16 Fill their faces with shame;
That they may seek Thy Name, O Lord.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever;
Yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
18 That men may know that Thou, whose Name alone is JEHOVAH,
Art the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 84.

HOW amiable are Thy tabernacles,
O Lord of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

Even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts,
My King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:
They will be still praising Thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee;
In whose heart are the ways of them;

6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well:
The rain also filleth the pools.

7 They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
Give ear, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of Thine anointed.

10 For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory:
No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Psalm 85.

LORD, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land:
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people;
Thou hast covered all their sin.

3 Thou hast taken away all Thy wrath:
Thou hast turned Thyself from the fierceness of Thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt thou draw out Thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt Thou not revive us again:
That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

7 Show us Thy mercy, O Lord,
And grant us Thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak:
For He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints:
But let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him;
That glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth;
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good;
And our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before Him;
And shall set us in the way of His steps.

Psalm 86.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me:
For I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I am holy:
O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord:
For I cry unto Thee daily.

4 Rejoice the soul of Thy servant:
For unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive;
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer,
And attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee:
For Thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O Lord;
Neither are there any works like unto Thy works.

9 All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord;
And shall glorify Thy Name.

10 For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things:
Thou art God alone.

11 Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear Thy Name.

12 I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart:
And I will glorify Thy Name for evermore.

13 For great is Thy mercy toward me:
And Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul;
And have not set Thee before them.
15 But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;
Give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thine handmaid.
17 Show me a token for good: that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed:
Because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Psalm 87.

HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.
2 The Lord loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God.
4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me:
Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there.
5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her:
And the Highest Himself shall establish her.
6 The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people,
That this man was born there.

7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there:
All my springs are in thee.

Psalm 88.

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before Thee:
2 *Let my prayer come before Thee: incline Thine ear unto my cry;*
3 For my soul is full of troubles:
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit:
I am as a man that hath no strength:
5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom Thou rememberest no more:
And they are cut off from Thy hand.
6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And Thou hast afflicted me with all Thy waves.
8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me:
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them:
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction:
Lord, I have called daily upon Thee,
I have stretched out my hands unto Thee.
10 Wilt Thou show wonders to the dead?
Shall the dead arise and praise Thee?
11 Shall Thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave?
Or Thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark?
And Thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
13 But unto Thee have I cried, O Lord;
And in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.
14 Lord, why castest Thou off my soul?
Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?
15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up:
While I suffer Thy terrors I am distracted.
16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me;
Thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me daily like water:
They compassed me about together.
18 Lover and friend hast Thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance into darkness.

Psalm 89.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever:
With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever:
Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish in the very heavens.
3 I have made a covenant with My chosen,
I have sworn unto David My servant,
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And build up thy throne to all generations.
5 And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O Lord:
Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,
And to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him.
8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee?
Or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee?
9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea:
When the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.
10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain;
Thou hast scattered Thine enemies with Thy strong arm.
11 The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine:
As for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.
12 The north and the south, Thou hast created them:
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy Name.
13 Thou hast a mighty arm:
Strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.
14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne:
Mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.
15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:
They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.
16 In Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day:
And in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
17 For Thou art the glory of their strength:
And in Thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

18 For the Lord is our defence;
And the Holy One of Israel is our King.
19 Then thou spakest in vision to Thy holy one, and saidst,
I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
20 I have found David My servant;
With My holy oil have I anointed him.
21 With whom My hand shall be established:
Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not exact upon him:
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his foes before his face,
And plague them that hate him.
24 But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him;
And in My Name shall his horn be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also in the sea,
And his right hand in the rivers.
26 He shall cry unto Me, Thou art my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.
27 Also I will make him My first-born,
Higher than the kings of the earth.
28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore.
And My covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake My law,
And walk not in My judgments;
31 If they break My statutes,
And keep not My commandments;
32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him,
Nor suffer My faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break,
Nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips.

35 Once have I sworn by My holiness, that I will not lie unto David.

36 *His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before Me.*

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon,
And as a faithful witness in heaven.

38 But Thou hast cast off and abhorred,
Thou hast been wroth with Thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of Thy servant:
Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him:
He is a reproach to his neighbors.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries;
Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword,
And hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his glory to cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast Thou shortened:
Thou hast covered him with shame.

46 How long, Lord? wilt thou hide Thyself for ever?
Shall Thy wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is:
Wherefore hast Thou made all men in vain?

48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?
Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

49 Lord, where are Thy former lovingkindnesses,
Which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Thy servants;
How I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people,

51 Wherewith Thine enemies have reproached, O Lord,
Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of Thine anointed.

52 BLESSED BE THE LORD FOR EVERMORE. AMEN, AND AMEN.

PSALM 90.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up;

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed by Thine anger,
And by Thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee,
Our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath:
We spend our years as a tale that is told.
10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten:
And if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
Yet is their strength labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of Thine anger?
Even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.
12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Return, O Lord, how long?
And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.
14 O satisfy us early with Thy mercy:
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants,
And Thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us:
And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us;
YEA, THE WORK OF OUR HANDS ESTABLISH THOU IT.

PSALM 91.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High,
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress:
My God; in Him will I trust.
3 Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
4 He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust:
His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day,
6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.
9 Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge,
Even the Most High, thy habitation,
10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
11 For He shall give His angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
14 Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him:
I will set him on high, because he hath known My Name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him, and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him,
And show him My salvation.

PSALM 92.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,
And to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High:
2 To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And Thy faithfulness every night,
3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery;
Upon the harp with a solemn sound.
4 For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work:
I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.
5 O Lord, how great are Thy works!
And Thy thoughts are very deep.
6 A brutish man knoweth not;
Neither doth a fool understand this.
7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish;
It is that they shall be destroyed for ever:
8 *But Thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.*
9 For, lo, Thine enemies, O Lord, for, lo, Thine enemies shall perish;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
10 But my horn shalt Thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn:
I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies,
And mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree:
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the Lord
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
They shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To show that the Lord is upright:
HE IS MY ROCK, AND THERE IS NO UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IN HIM.

PSALM 93.

THE Lord reigneth,
He is clothed with majesty;
The Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself:
The world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old:
Thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their waves.

4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters,
Yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure:
Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, for ever.

Psalm 94.

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth;
O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show Thyself.
2 Lift up Thyself, Thou Judge of the earth:
Render a reward to the proud.
3 Lord, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph?
4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things?
And all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
5 They break in pieces Thy people, O Lord,
And afflict Thine heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
7 Yet they say, The Lord shall not see,
Neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.
8 Understand, ye brutish among the people:
And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall He not see?
10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not He correct?
He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not He know?
11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.
12 Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord,
And teachest him out of Thy law;
13 That Thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the Lord will not cast off His people,
Neither will He forsake His inheritance.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness:
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will rise up for me against the evil doers?
Or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the Lord had been my help,
My soul had almost dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth;
Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with Thee,
Which frameth mischief by a law?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
22 But the Lord is my defence;
And my God is the rock of my refuge.
23 And He shall bring upon them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their wickedness;
YEA, THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CUT THEM OFF.

PSALM 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.

4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
The strength of the hills is His also.
5 The sea is His, and He made it:
And His hands formed the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down:
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For He is our God;
And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
8 To-day if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation,
And as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
9 When your fathers tempted Me,
Proved Me, and saw My work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known My ways:
11 Unto whom I sware in My wrath,
That they should not enter into My rest.

Psalm 96.

O SING unto the Lord a new song:
Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
2 Sing unto the Lord, bless His Name;
Show forth His salvation from day to day.
3 Declare His glory among the heathen,
His wonders among all people.
4 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised:
He is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the nations are idols:
But the Lord made the heavens.

6 Honor and majesty are before Him:
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

7 Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people,
Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

8 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name:
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Fear before Him, all the earth.

10 Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth;
The world also shall be established that it shall not be moved:
He shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein:
Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 Before the Lord: for He cometh,
For He cometh to judge the earth:

He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the people with His truth.

Psalm 97.

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about Him:
Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne.

3 A fire goeth before Him,
And burneth up His enemies round about.

4 His lightnings enlightened the world:
The earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare His righteousness,
And all the people see His glory.
7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols:
Worship Him, all ye gods.
8 Zion heard and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced,
Because of Thy judgments, O Lord.
9 For Thou, Lord, art high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
12 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

Psalm 98.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things:
His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory.
2 The Lord hath made known His salvation:
His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
3 He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:
Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the Lord with the harp:
With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets, and sound of cornet,
Make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands:
Let the hills be joyful together

9 Before the Lord; for He cometh to judge the earth;
With righteousness shall He judge the world, and the people with equity.

Psalm 99.

THE Lord reigneth; let the people tremble:
He sitteth between the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

2 The Lord is great in Zion;
And He is high above all the people.

3 Let them praise Thy great and terrible Name;
For it is holy.

4 The king's strength also loveth judgment;
Thou dost establish equity,
Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the Lord our God,
And worship at His footstool; for He is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His Name;
They called upon the Lord, and He answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar:
They kept His testimonies, and the ordinance that He gave them.
8 Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God:
Thou wast a God that forgavest them, though Thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.
9 Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill;
For the Lord our God is holy.

Psalm 100.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
2 *Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.*
3 Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise:
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.
5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting:
And His truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 101.

I WILL sing of mercy and judgment:
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing.
2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.
O when wilt Thou come unto me?
I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:
I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.
4 A froward heart shall depart from me:
I will not know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off:
Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me:
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:
He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land,
That I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

Psalm 102.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord,
And let my cry come unto Thee.
2 Hide not Thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble;
Incline Thine ear unto me:
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
3 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned as a hearth.
4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass;
So that I forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, my bones cleave to my skin.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness:
I am like an owl of the desert.
7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house-top.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day:
And they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping:
10 Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath:
For Thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
11 My days are like a shadow that declineth;
And I am withered like grass.
12 But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever;
And Thy remembrance unto all generations.
13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion:
For the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.
14 For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And favor the dust thereof.
15 So the heathen shall fear the Name of the Lord,
And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.
16 When the Lord shall build up Zion,
He shall appear in His glory.
17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
And not despise their prayer.
18 This shall be written for the generation to come:
And the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.
19 For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary;
From heaven did the Lord behold the earth;
20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner:
To loose those that are appointed to death;
21 To declare the Name of the Lord in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusalem;
22 When the people are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.
23 He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:
Thy years are throughout all generations.
25 Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth:
And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure:
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;
As a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed:
27 *But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.*
28 The children of Thy servants shall continue,
And their seed shall be established before Thee.

Psalm 103.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul:
And all that is within me, bless His holy Name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies:
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The Lord executeth righteousness
And judgment for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known His ways unto Moses,
His acts unto the children of Israel.
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide:
Neither will He keep His anger for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath He removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.
14 For He knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are as grass:
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him,
And His righteousness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep His covenant,
And to those that remember His commandments to do them.
19 The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens:
And His kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength,
That do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.
21 Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts;
Ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.
22 Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion:
BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL.

Psalm 104.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.
2 Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment:
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
3 Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters:
Who maketh the clouds His chariot:
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
4 Who maketh His angels spirits;
His ministers a flaming fire:
5 Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be removed for ever.
6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment:
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 At Thy rebuke they fled;
At the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.
8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys,
Unto the place which Thou hast founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys,
Which run among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field:
The wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation,
Which sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the hills from His chambers:
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man:

That he may bring forth food out of the earth;
15 *And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,*
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread which strengtheneth man's heart.
16 The trees of the Lord are full of sap;
The cedars of Lebanon, which He hath planted;
17 Where the birds make their nests:
As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats,
And the rocks for the conies.
19 He appointed the moon for seasons:
The sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night:
Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their meat from God.
22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together,
And lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work,
And to his labor until the evening.
24 O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all:
The earth is full of Thy riches.
25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships:
There is that leviathan, whom Thou hast made to play therein.
27 These wait all upon Thee:
That Thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest them they gather:
Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good.
29 Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled:
Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created:
And Thou renewest the face of the earth.
31 The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever:
The Lord shall rejoice in His works.
32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth:
He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
34 My meditation of Him shall be sweet:
I will be glad in the Lord.
35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless Thou the Lord, O my soul.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 105.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon His Name;
Make known His deeds among the people.
2 Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him:
Talk ye of all His wondrous works.
3 Glory ye in His holy Name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
4 Seek the Lord, and His strength:
Seek His face evermore.
5 Remember His marvelous works that He hath done;
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham His servant,
Ye children of Jacob His chosen.
7 He is the Lord our God:
His judgments are in all the earth.
8 He hath remembered His covenant for ever,
The word which He commanded to a thousand generations.
9 Which covenant He made with Abraham,
And His oath unto Isaac;
10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law,
And to Israel for an everlasting covenant:
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance:
12 When they were but a few men in number:
Yea, very few, and strangers in it.
13 When they went from one nation to another,
From one kingdom to another people,
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong:
Yea, He reproved kings for their sakes;
15 Saying, Touch not Mine anointed,
And do My prophets no harm.
16 Moreover He called for a famine upon the land;
He brake the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them,
Even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:
18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters:
He was laid in iron:
19 Until the time that His word came:
The word of the Lord tried him.
20 The king sent and loosed him:
Even the rulers of the people, and let him go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleasure;
And teach his senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And He increased His people greatly;
And made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate His people,
To deal subtilely with His servants.
26 He sent Moses His servant;
And Aaron whom He had chosen.
27 They showed His signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they rebelled not against His word.
29 He turned their waters into blood,
And slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance,
In the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies,
And lice in all their coasts.
32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also, and their fig trees;
And brake the trees of their coasts.
34 He spake, and the locusts came,
And caterpillars, and that without number,
35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land,
And devoured the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their land,
The chief of all their strength.
37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold:
And there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed:
For the fear of them fell upon them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering;
And fire to give light in the night.
40 The people asked, and He brought quails,
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out:
They ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For He remembered His holy promise,
And Abraham, His servant.
43 And He brought forth His people with joy,
And His chosen with gladness:
44 And gave them the lands of the heathen:
And they inherited the labor of the peoples;
45 That they might observe His statutes,
And keep His laws.

PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 106.

PRAISE ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?
Who can show forth all His praise?
3 Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people:
O visit me with Thy salvation;
5 That I may see the good of my chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation,
That I may glory with Thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
7 Our fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt;
They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies;
But provoked Him at the sea,
Even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless He saved them for His Name's sake,
That He might make His mighty power to be known.
9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up:
So He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.
10 And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their enemies:
There was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they His words;
They sang His praise.
13 They soon forgat His works;
They waited not for His counsel:
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tempted God in the desert.
15 And He gave them their request;
But sent leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
And Aaron the saint of the Lord.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
And covered the company of Abiram.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshiped the molten image.
20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.
21 *They forgat God their Saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;*
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them,
Had not Moses His chosen stood before Him in the breach,
To turn away His wrath,
Lest He should destroy them.
24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land,
They believed not His word:
25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.
26 Therefore He lifted up His hand against them,
To overthrow them in the wilderness:
27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations,
And to scatter them in the lands.
28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor.
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked Him to anger with their inventions:
And the plague brake in upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment:
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for evermore.
32 They angered Him also at the waters of strife,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit,
So that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
34 They did not destroy the nations,
Concerning whom the Lord commanded them:
35 But were mingled among the heathen,
And learned their works.
36 And they served their idols:
Which were a snare unto them.
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,
38 *And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,*
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan:
And the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their own works,
And went a whoring with their own inventions.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against His people,
Insomuch that He abhorred His own inheritance.
41 And He gave them into the hand of the heathen;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did He deliver them; but they provoked Him with their counsel,
And were brought low for their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction,
When He heard their cry:
45 And He remembered for them His covenant,
And repented according to the multitude of His mercies.
46 *He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.*

47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen,
To give thanks unto Thy holy Name, and to triumph in Thy praise.
48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting:
And let all the people say, Amen.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 107.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
Whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
3 And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
4 They wandered in the wilderness, in a solitary way;
They found no city to dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
6 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.
7 And He led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
8 Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
9 For He satisfieth the longing soul,
And filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
10 Such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High:
12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
13 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death,
And brake their bands in sunder.
15 Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For He hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.
17 Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.
19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He saveth them out of their distresses.
20 He sent His word, and healed them,
And delivered them from their destructions.
21 Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare His works with rejoicing.
23 They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters;
24 These see the works of the Lord,
And His wonders in the deep.

25 For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths;
Their soul is melted because of trouble.
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wit's end.
28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He bringeth them out of their distresses.
29 He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still,
30 Then are they glad because they be quiet;
So He bringeth them unto their desired haven.
31 Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
32 Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people,
And praise Him to the assembly of the elders.
33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And the watersprings into dry ground;
34 A fruitful land into barrenness,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water,
And the dry ground into watersprings.
36 And there He maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city for habitation;
37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
Which may yield fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
And suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished and brought low,
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way.
41 Yet setteth He the poor on high from affliction,
And maketh Him families like a flock.
42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice:
And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
Even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

Psalm 108.

O GOD, my heart is fixed;
I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.
2 Awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
3 I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people:
And I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
4 For Thy mercy is great above the heavens:
And Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
5 Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
And Thy glory above all the earth;
6 That Thy beloved may be delivered:
Save with Thy right hand, and answer me.
7 God hath spoken in His holiness:
I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

9 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out
my shoe;
Over Philistia will I triumph.
10 Who will bring me into the strong city?
Who will lead me into Edom?
11 Wilt not Thou, O God, who hast cast us off?
And wilt not Thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
12 Give us help from trouble:
For vain is the help of man.
13 Through God we shall do valiantly:
For He it is that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 109.

HOLD not Thy peace, O God of my praise;
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth
of the deceitful are opened against me:
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
3 They compassed me about also with words of
hatred;
And fought against me without a cause.
4 For my love they are my adversaries;
But I give myself unto prayer.
5 And they have rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.
6 Set Thou a wicked man over him:
And let Satan stand at his right hand.
7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned:
And let his prayer become sin.
8 Let his days be few;
And let another take his office.
9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg:
Let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.
11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath;
And let the strangers spoil his labor.
12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him:
Neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.
13 Let his posterity be cut off;
And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.
14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord;
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
15 Let them be before the Lord continually,
That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
16 Because that he remembered not to show mercy,
But persecuted the poor and needy man,
That he might even slay the broken in heart.
17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him:
As he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.
18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment,
So let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.
19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him,
And for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.
20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord,
And of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do Thou for me, O God the Lord, for Thy Name's sake:
Because Thy mercy is good, deliver Thou me.
22 For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth:
I am tossed up and down as the locust.
24 My knees are weak through fasting:
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
25 I became also a reproach unto them:
When they looked upon me they shaked their heads.
26 Help me, O Lord my God:
O save me according to Thy mercy:
27 That they may know that this is Thy hand;
That Thou, Lord, hast done it.
28 Let them curse, but bless Thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed;
But let Thy servant rejoice.
29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame;
And let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.
30 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth;
Yea, I will praise Him among the multitude.
31 For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor,
To save him from those that condemn his soul.

Psalm 110.

THE Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion:
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power,
In the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning:
Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 *The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent,*
Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
5 *The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath.*
6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies:
He shall wound the heads over many countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way:
Therefore shall he lift up the head.

Psalm 111.

PRAISE ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.
2 The works of the Lord are great,
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3 His work is honorable and glorious:
And His righteousness endureth for ever.
4 He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered:
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
5 He hath given meat unto them that fear Him:
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
6 He hath showed His people the power of His works,
That He may give them the heritage of the heathen.
7 The works of His hands are verity and judgment:
All His commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
And are done in truth and uprightness.
9 He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever:
Holy and reverend is His Name.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom:
A good understanding have all they that do His commandments:

HIS PRAISE ENDURETH FOR EVER.

PSALM 112.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord,
That delighteth greatly in His commandments.
2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth:
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house:
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man showeth favor, and lendeth,
He will guide his affairs with discretion.
6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever:
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:
His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.
8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
Until he see his desire upon his enemies.
9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor:
His righteousness endureth for ever;
His horn shall be exalted with honor.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away.
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

Psalm 113.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord,
Praise the Name of the Lord.
2 Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
From this time forth and for evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same,
The Lord's Name is to be praised.
4 The Lord is high above all nations,
And His glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the Lord our God,
Who dwelleth on high,
6 Who humbleth Himself to behold
The things that are in heaven and in the earth!
7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
8 That He may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of His people.
9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
And to be a joyful mother of children.
Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 114.

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah was his sanctuary,
And Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams.
And the little hills like lambs.
5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest?
Thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams;
And ye little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord;
At the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 Which turned the rock into a standing water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

Psalm 115.

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory,
For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is now their God?
3 But our God is in the heavens:
He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they speak not:
Eyes have they, but they see not:
6 They have ears, but they hear not:
Noses have they, but they smell not:
7 They have hands, but they handle not:
Feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them are like unto them;
So is every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:
He is their help and their shield.
12 The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless them that fear the Lord,
Both small and great.
14 The Lord shall increase you more and more,
You and your children.
15 Ye are blessed of the Lord,
Which made heaven and earth.
16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's:
But the earth hath He given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not the Lord,
Neither any that go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the Lord,
From this time forth, and for evermore.
PRAISE THE LORD.

PSALM 116.

I LOVE the Lord,
Because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.
2 Because He hath inclined His ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.
3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the Name of the Lord:
O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous:
Yea, our God is merciful.
6 The Lord preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and He helped me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For Thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore have I spoken:
I was greatly afflicted:
11 I said in my haste,
All men are liars.
12 What shall I render unto the Lord
For all His benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation,
And call upon the Name of the Lord.
14 I will pay my vows unto the Lord
Now in the presence of all His people.
15 Precious in the sight of the Lord
Is the death of His saints.
16 O Lord, truly I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid:
Thou hast loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the Name of the Lord.
18 I will pay my vows unto the Lord
Now in the presence of all His people,

19 In the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 117.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations:
Praise Him, all ye people.
2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us:
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 118.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord: for He is good:
Because His mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let Israel now say,
That His mercy endureth for ever.
3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
That His mercy endureth for ever.
4 Let them now that fear the Lord say,
That His mercy endureth for ever.
5 I called upon the Lord in distress:
The Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.
6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear:
What can man do unto me?
7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me:
Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.
8 It is better to trust in the Lord
Than to put confidence in man.
9 It is better to trust in the Lord
Than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about:
But in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.
11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:
But in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.
12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns:
For in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.
13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall:
But the Lord helped me.
14 The Lord is my strength and song,
And is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous:
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted:
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord hath chastened me sore:
But He hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:
20 This gate of the Lord,
Into which the righteous shall enter.
21 I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me,
And art become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders refused
Is become the head stone of the corner.
23 This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which the Lord hath made:
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord:
O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord, which hath showed us light:
Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee:
Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 119.

ALEPH.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep His testimonies,
And that seek Him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity:
They walk in His ways.

4 Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently.

5 *O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes!*

6 Then shall I not be ashamed,
When I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

7 I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart,
When I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments.

8 I will keep Thy statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought Thee:
O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
That I might not sin against Thee.

12 Blessed art Thou, O Lord:
Teach me Thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared
All the judgments of Thy mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate in Thy precepts,
And have respect unto Thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in Thy statutes:
I will not forget Thy word.

GIMEL.

17 Deal bountifully with Thy servant,
That I may live, and keep Thy word.

18 Open Thou mine eyes,
That I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

19 I am a stranger in the earth
Hide not Thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath
Unto Thy judgments at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
Which do err from Thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept Thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me:
But Thy servant did meditate in Thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also are my delight,
And my counselors.

DALETH.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken Thou me according to Thy word.
26 I have declared my ways, and Thou heardest me:
Teach me Thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts:
So shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.
28 My soul melteth for heaviness:
Strengthen Thou me according unto Thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of lying:
And grant me Thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of truth:
Thy judgments have I laid before me.
31 I have stuck unto Thy testimonies:
O Lord, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of Thy commandments,
When Thou shalt enlarge my heart.

HE.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law:
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;
And quicken Thou me in Thy way.
38 Stablish Thy word unto Thy servant,
Who is devoted to Thy fear.
39 Turn away my reproach which I fear:
For Thy judgments are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts:
Quicken me in Thy righteousness.

VAU

41 Let Thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord,
Even Thy salvation, according to Thy word.
42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me:
For I trust in Thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;
For I have hoped in Thy judgments.
44 So shall I keep Thy law continually
For ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty:
For I seek Thy precepts.
46 I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in Thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved;
And I will meditate in Thy statutes.

ZAIN.

49 Remember the word unto Thy servant,
Upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction:
For Thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision:
Yet have I not declined from Thy law.
52 I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord;
And have comforted myself.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me,
Because of the wicked that forsake Thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered Thy Name, O Lord, in the night,
And have kept Thy law.
56 This I had,
Because I kept Thy precepts.

CHETH.

57 Thou art my portion, O Lord:
I have said that I would keep Thy words.
58 I entreated Thy favor with my whole heart:
Be merciful unto me according to Thy word.
59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.
60 I made haste,
And delayed not to keep Thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me:
But I have not forgotten Thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee,
Because of Thy righteous judgments.
63 I am a companion of all them that fear Thee,
And of them that keep Thy precepts.
64 The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy:
Teach me Thy statutes.

TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant, O Lord,
According unto Thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge:
For I have believed Thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray:
But now have I kept Thy word.

68 Thou art good, and doest good:
Teach me Thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me:
But I will keep Thy precepts with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease;
But I delight in Thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I might learn Thy statutes.

72 The law of Thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

74 They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me;
Because I have hoped in Thy word.

75 I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right,
And that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to Thy word unto Thy servant.

77 Let Thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live:
For Thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause:
But I will meditate in Thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear Thee turn unto me,
And those that have known Thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes;
That I be not ashamed.

CAPH.

81 My soul fainteth for Thy salvation:
But I hope in Thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for Thy word, saying,
When wilt Thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget Thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of Thy servant?
When wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
Which are not after Thy law.
86 All Thy commandments are faithful:
They persecute me wrongfully; help Thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
But I forsook not Thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after Thy lovingkindness;
So shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

LAMED.

89 For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:
Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to Thine ordinances:
For all are Thy servants.

92 Unless Thy law had been my delights,
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget Thy precepts:
For with them Thou hast quickened me.
94 I am Thine, save me;
For I have sought Thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me:
But I will consider Thy testimonies.
96 I have seen an end of all perfection:
But Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

MEM.

97 O how love I Thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.
98 Thou, through Thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies:
For they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers:
For Thy testimonies are my meditation.
100 I understand more than the ancients,
Because I keep Thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
That I might keep Thy word.
102 I have not departed from Thy judgments:
For Thou hast taught me.
103 How sweet are Thy words unto my taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.
104 Through Thy precepts I get understanding:
Therefore I hate every false way.

NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform it,
That I will keep Thy righteous judgments.
107 I am afflicted very much:
Quicken me, O Lord, according unto Thy word.
108 Accept, I beseech Thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,
And teach me Thy judgments.
109 My soul is continually in my hand:
Yet do I not forget Thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me:
Yet I erred not from Thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever:
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined mine heart to perform Thy statutes always,
Even unto the end.

SAMECH.

113 I hate vain thoughts:
But Thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield:
I hope in Thy word.
115 Depart from me, ye evil doers,
For I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live:
And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
117 Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe:
And I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from Thy statutes:
For their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross:
Therefore I love Thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee;
And I am afraid of Thy judgments.

AIN.

121 I have done judgment and justice:
Leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 Be surety for Thy servant for good:
Let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation,
And for the word of Thy righteousness.
124 Deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy,
And teach me Thy statutes.
125 I am Thy servant; give me understanding,
That I may know Thy testimonies.
126 It is time for Thee, Lord, to work:
For they have made void Thy law.
127 Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold:
Yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right;
And I hate every false way.

PE.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful:
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The entrance of Thy words giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened my mouth, and panted:
For I longed for Thy commandments.
132 Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me,
As Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy Name.

133 Order my steps in Thy word:
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Deliver me from the oppression of man:
So will I keep Thy precepts.
135 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant;
And teach me Thy statutes.
136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes,
Because they keep not Thy law.

TZADDI.

137 Righteous art Thou, O Lord,
And upright are Thy judgments.
138 Thy testimonies that Thou hast commanded
Are righteous and very faithful.
139 My zeal hath consumed me,
Because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.
140 Thy word is very pure:
Therefore Thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised:
Yet do not I forget Thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Thy law is the truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:
Yet Thy commandments are my delights.
144 The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting:
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

KOPH.

145 I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord:
I will keep Thy statutes.
146 I cried unto Thee; save me,
And I shall keep Thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried:
I hoped in Thy word.
148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches,
That I might meditate in Thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto Thy lovingkindness:
O Lord, quicken me according to Thy judgment.
150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief:
They are far from Thy law.
151 Thou art near, O Lord;
And all Thy commandments are truth.
152 Concerning Thy testimonies, I have known of old
That Thou hast founded them for ever.

RESH.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me:
For I do not forget Thy law.
154 Plead my cause, and deliver me:
Quicken me according to Thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked:
For they seek not Thy statutes.
156 Great are Thy tender mercies, O Lord:
Quicken me according to Thy judgments.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies:
Yet do I not decline from Thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved;
Because they kept not Thy word.
159 Consider how I love Thy precepts:
Quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy lovingkindness.
160 Thy word is true from the beginning:
And every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

SCHIN.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause:
But my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.
162 I rejoice at Thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying:
But Thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise Thee,
Because of Thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love Thy law:
And nothing shall offend them.
166 Lord, I have hoped for Thy salvation,
And done Thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept Thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I have kept Thy precepts and Thy testimonies:
For all my ways are before Thee.

TAU.

169 Let my cry come near before Thee, O Lord:
Give me understanding according to Thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before Thee:
Deliver me according to Thy word.
171 My lips shall utter praise,
When Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of Thy word:
For all Thy commandments are righteousness.
173 Let Thine hand help me;
For I have chosen Thy precepts.
174 I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord;
And Thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee;
And let Thy judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep:
Seek Thy servant; for I do not forget Thy commandments.

Psalm 120.

IN my distress I cried unto the Lord,
And He heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips,
And from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee?
Or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty,
With coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech,
That I dwell in the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
7 *I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.*

Psalm 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh from the Lord,
Which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, He that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord is thy keeper:
The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.
8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in,
From this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem,
3 *Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:*
4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
Unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
5 For there are set thrones of judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
They shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek thy good.

Psalm 123.

UNTO Thee lift I up mine eyes,
O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters,
And as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,
Until that He have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us :
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

Psalm 124.

IF it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
Now may Israel say ;

2 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
When men rose up against us :

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick,
When their wrath was kindled against us :

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul :

5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 *Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.*

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers :
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 125.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion,
Which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
So the Lord is round about His people, from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;
Lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.
4 Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good,
And to them that are upright in their hearts.
5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
The Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity:
BUT PEACE SHALL BE UPON ISRAEL.

PSALM 126.

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion,
We were like them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing:
Then said they among the heathen,
The Lord hath done great things for them.
3 The Lord hath done great things for us;
Whereof we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O Lord,
As the streams in the south.
5 They that sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
6 He that goeth forth and weepeth,
Bearing precious seed,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127.

EXCEPT the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it:
Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.
3 Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord:
And the fruit of the womb is His reward.
4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man;
So are children of the youth.
5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Psalm 128.

BLESSED is every one that feareth the Lord;
That walketh in His ways.
2 For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house;
Thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth the Lord.
5 The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion:
And thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,
And peace upon Israel.

Psalm 129.

MANY a time have they afflicted me from my youth,
May Israel now say:
2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth:
Yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The ploughers ploughed upon my back:
They made long their furrows.

4 The Lord is righteous:
He hath cut asunder the cord of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 *Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:*

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand:
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the Lord be upon you:
We bless you in the Name of the Lord.

Psalm 130.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord,
2 *Lord, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.*

3 If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with Thee,
That Thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
And in His word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy,
And with Him is plenteous redemption.

8 And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 131.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty :
Neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother :
My soul is even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and for ever.

Psalm 132.

LORD, remember David,
And all his afflictions :

2 How he sware unto the Lord,
And vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob ;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into my bed ;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids,

5 Until I find out a place for the Lord,
A habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah :
We found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into His tabernacles :
We will worship at His footstool.

8 Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest :
Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.

9 Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness ;
And let Thy saints shout for joy.

10 For Thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of Thine anointed.

11 The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it;
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep My covenant, and My testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the Lord hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for His habitation.

14 This is My rest for ever: here will I dwell:
For I have desired it.

15 I will abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation:
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make the horn of David to bud:
I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame:
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm 133.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard:
That went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion:
For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Psalm 134.

BEHOLD, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,
Which by night stand in the house of the Lord.
2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And bless the Lord.
3 The Lord, that made heaven and earth,
Bless thee out of Zion.

Psalm 135.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Name of the Lord;
Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.
2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of our God,
3 Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good:
Sing praises unto His Name; for it is pleasant.
4 For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto Himself,
And Israel for His peculiar treasure.
5 For I know that the Lord is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth,
In the seas, and all deep places.
7 He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth:
He maketh lightnings for the rain:
He bringeth the wind out of His treasuries.
8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings;
11 *Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:*
12 And gave their land for a heritage,
A heritage unto Israel His people.
13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever;
And Thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.
14 For the Lord will judge His people,
And He will repent Himself concerning His servants.
15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
17 They have ears, but they hear not;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them are like unto them:
So is every one that trusteth in them.
19 Bless the Lord, O house of Israel:
Bless the Lord, O house of Aaron:
20 Bless the Lord, O house of Levi;
Ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.
21 Blessed be the Lord out of Zion,
Which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 136.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods:
For His mercy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
4 To Him who alone doeth great wonders:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
5 To Him that by wisdom made the heavens:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
6 To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
7 To Him that made great lights:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
8 The sun to rule by day:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
10 To Him that smote Egypt in their first born:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
11 And brought out Israel from among them:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
13 To Him which divided the Red Sea into parts:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
16 To Him which led His people through the wilderness:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
17 To Him which smote great kings:
For His mercy endureth for ever:

18 And slew famous kings:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
19 Sihon, king of the Amorites:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
20 And Og, the king of Bashan:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
21 And gave their land for a heritage:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
22 Even a heritage unto Israel his servant:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
25 Who giveth food to all flesh:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven:
For His mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 137.

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,
Yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.
3 *For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song;*
And they that wasted us required of us mirth,
Saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
4 How shall we sing the Lord's song
In a strange land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth;
If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

7 Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem;
Who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed;
Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

9 Happy shall he be,
That taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

Psalm 138.

I WILL praise Thee with my whole heart:
Before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

2 I will worship toward Thy holy temple,
And praise Thy Name,

For Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth:
For Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy Name.

3 In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me,
And strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord,
When they hear the words of Thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord:
For great is the glory of the Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly:
But the proud He knoweth afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me:
Thou shalt stretch forth Thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me;
Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever:
Forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

Psalm 139.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off.

3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word in my tongue,
But lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.

5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid Thine hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there:
If I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall Thy hand lead me,
And Thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me;
Even the night shall be light about me.

12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day:
The darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

13 For Thou hast possessed my reins:
Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will praise Thee: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect;
And in Thy book all my members were written,
Which in continuance were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with Thee.

19 Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God!
Depart from me, therefore, ye bloody men.

20 For they speak against Thee wickedly,
And Thine enemies take Thy Name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee?
And am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred:
I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:
Try me and know my thoughts:
24 And see if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 140.

DELIVER me, O Lord, from the evil man:
Preserve me from the violent man;
2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart;
Continually are they gathered together for war.
3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent;
Adder's poison is under their lips.
4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man;
Who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the way side; they have set gins for me.
6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God:
Hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.
7 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
8 Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked:
Further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves.
9 As for the head of those that compass me about,
Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire;
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth:
Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted,
And the right of the poor.
13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy Name;
The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

PSALM 141.

LORD, I cry unto Thee: make haste unto me;
Give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as incense;
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
3 Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth:
Keep the door of my lips.
4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To practise wicked works with men that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.
5 *Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness;*
And let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head:
For yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.
6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words:
For they are sweet.
7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth,
As when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.
8 But mine eyes are unto Thee, O God the Lord: in Thee is my trust;
Leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me,
And the gins of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst that I withal escape.

Psalm 142.

I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice;
With my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
2 I poured out my complaint before Him;
I showed before Him my trouble.
3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.
In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
4 I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me:
Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.
5 I cried unto Thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge,
And my portion in the land of the living.
6 Attend unto my cry;
For I am brought very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may praise Thy Name:
The righteous shall compass me about;
For Thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 143.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications:
In Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgment with Thy servant:
For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;
He hath smitten my life down to the ground;
He hath made me to dwell in darkness,
As those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me:
My heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Thy works;
I muse on the work of Thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto Thee:
My soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth:
Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning;
For in Thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;
For I lift up my soul unto Thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies:
I flee unto Thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God.
Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake:
For Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
12 And of Thy mercy cut off mine enemies,
And destroy all them that afflict my soul:
For I am Thy servant.

Psalm 144.

BLESSED be the Lord my strength,
Which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.
2 My goodness, and my fortress;
My high tower, and my deliverer;
My shield, and He in whom I trust:
Who subdueth my people under me.
3 Lord, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge of him!
Or the son of man, that Thou makest account of him!
4 Man is like to vanity:
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
5 Bow Thy heavens, O Lord, and come down:
Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them:
Shoot out Thine arrows, and destroy them.
7 Send Thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters,
From the hand of strange children;
8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
9 I will sing a new song unto Thee, O God:
Upon a psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings, will I sing praises unto Thee.

10 It is He that giveth salvation unto kings:
Who delivereth David His servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth;
That our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace;

13 That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

14 That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out:
That there be no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case.
Yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

PSALM 145.

I WILL extol Thee, my God, O king;
And I will bless Thy Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless Thee;
And I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall praise Thy works to another,
And shall declare Thy mighty acts.

5 I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty,
And of Thy wondrous works.

6 And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts:
And I will declare Thy greatness.
7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness,
And shall sing of Thy righteousness.
8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
9 The Lord is good to all:
And His tender mercies are over all His works.
10 All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord;
And Thy saints shall bless Thee.
11 They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy power;
12 To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
14 The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon Thee;
And Thou givest them their meat in due season.
16 Thou openest Thine hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
17 The Lord is righteous in all His ways,
And holy in all His works.
18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him,
To all that call upon Him in truth.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him,
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
20 The Lord preserveth all them that love Him:
But all the wicked will He destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
And let all flesh bless His holy Name for ever and ever.

PSALM 146.

PRAISE ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.
2 While I live will I praise the Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
3 Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;
In that very day his thoughts perish.
5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the Lord his God:
6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is:
Which keepeth truth for ever.
7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed:
Which giveth food to the hungry.
The Lord looseth the prisoners:
8 *The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind:*
The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down:
The Lord loveth the righteous:
9 The Lord preserveth the strangers: He relieveth the fatherless and the widow;
But the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.
10 The Lord shall reign for ever,
Even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

Psalm 147.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises
unto our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem:
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He healeth the broken in heart
And bindeth up their wounds.
4 He telleth the number of the stars;
He calleth them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and of great power:
His understanding is infinite.
6 The Lord lifteth up the meek:
He casteth the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our God.
8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:
He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him,
In those that hope in His mercy.
12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;
Praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates:
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace in thy borders,
And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
15 He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth:
His word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool:
He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth His ice like morsels:
Who can stand before His cold?
18 He sendeth out His word, and melteth them:
He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19 He showeth His word unto Jacob,
His statutes and His judgments unto Israel.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation:
And as for His judgments, they have not known them.

PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 148.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens:
Praise Him in the heights.
2 Praise ye Him, all His angels:
Praise ye Him, all His hosts.
3 Praise ye Him, sun and moon:
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
4 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens.
And ye waters that be above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord:
For He commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever:
He hath made a decree which shall not pass.
7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
Ye dragons, and all deeps:
8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapor;
Stormy wind fulfilling His word:
9 Mountains, and all hills;
Fruitful trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattle;
Creeping things, and flying fowl:
11 Kings of the earth, and all people;
Princes, and all judges of the earth:
12 Both young men, and maidens:
Old men, and children:
13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord:
For His Name alone is excellent;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
14 He also exalteth the horn of His people,
The praise of all His saints;
Even the children of Israel, a people near unto Him.

PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 149.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song,
And His praise in the congregation of saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him:
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise His Name in the dance:
Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people:
He will beautify the meek with salvation.
5 Let the saints be joyful in glory:
Let them sing aloud upon their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen,
And punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment written:
This honor have all His saints.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

PSALM 150.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary:
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
2 Praise Him for His mighty acts:
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet:
Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.
5 Praise Him upon the loud cymbals:
Praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.
6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
PRAISE YE THE LORD.

ANCIENT HYMNS AND CANTICLES.

¶ *One of the first three Canticles may, if so desired, be sung at the beginning of Morning Service as the* OPENING HYMN.

I.

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving: and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is the Lord our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with His truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

II.

Jubilate Deo.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His Presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves: we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting: and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

III.

Lætatus Sum.

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is compact together:

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God: I will seek thy good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

IV.

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them: and lift them up for ever.

Day by day: we magnify Thee;

And we worship Thy Name: ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

V.

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high: and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee: we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King: God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world: receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father: have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost: art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

VI.

Magnificat.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded: the lowliness of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him: throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel: as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

VII.

Benedictus.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember His holy covenant;

To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham: that He would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

VIII.

Nunc Dimittis.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

IX.

Cantate Domino.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things.

With His own right hand, and with His holy arm: hath He gotten Himself the victory.

The Lord declared His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms: O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for He cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world: and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

X.

Bonum est Confiteri.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most Highest;

To tell of Thy lovingkindness early in the morning: and of Thy truth in the night season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute: upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

XI.

Benedic, Anima mea.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise His holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and lovingkindness.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His word.

O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

XII.

Deus Misereatur.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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